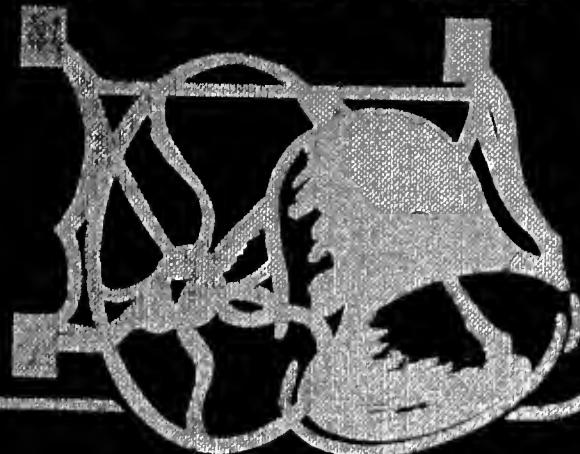
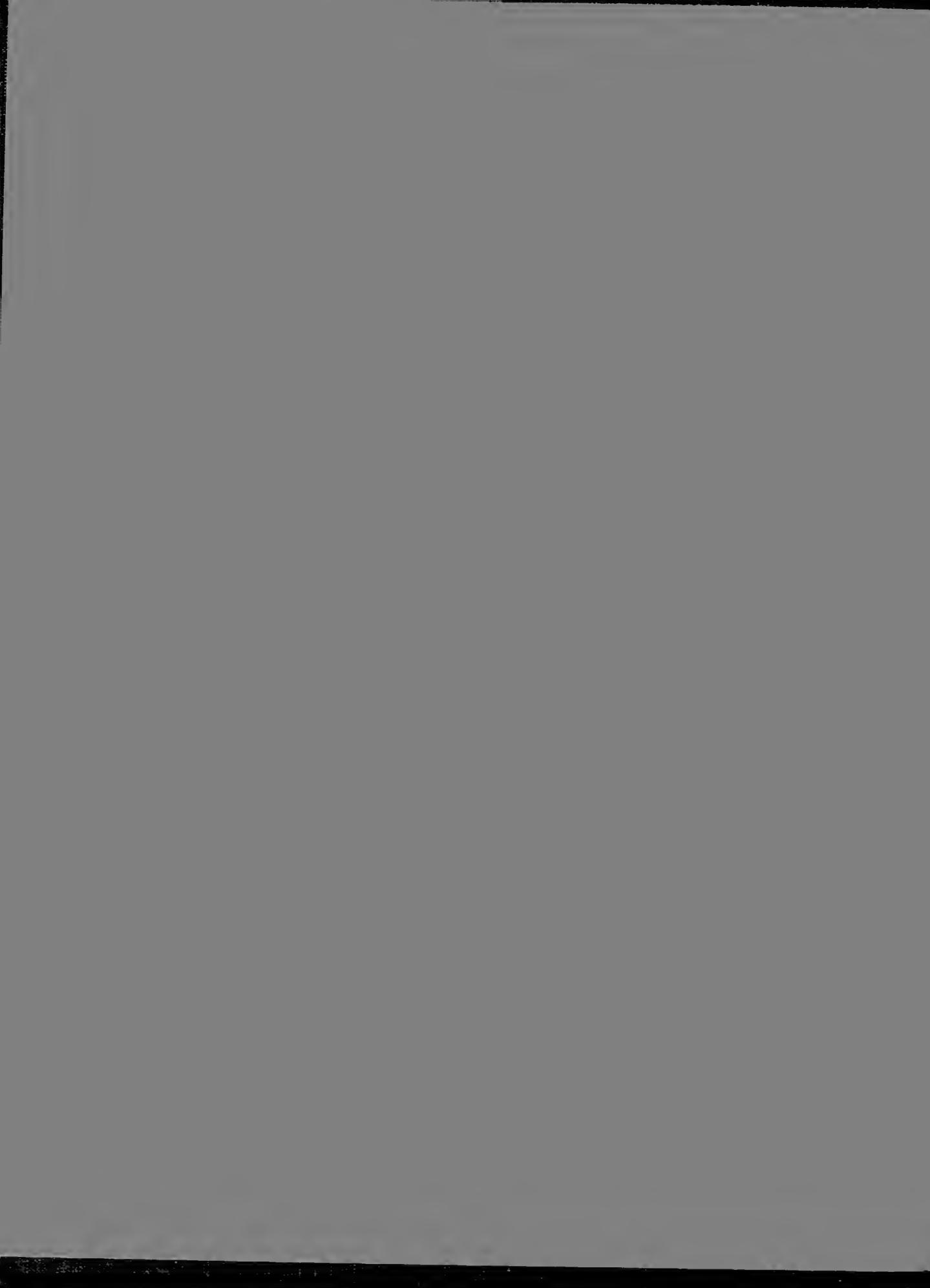
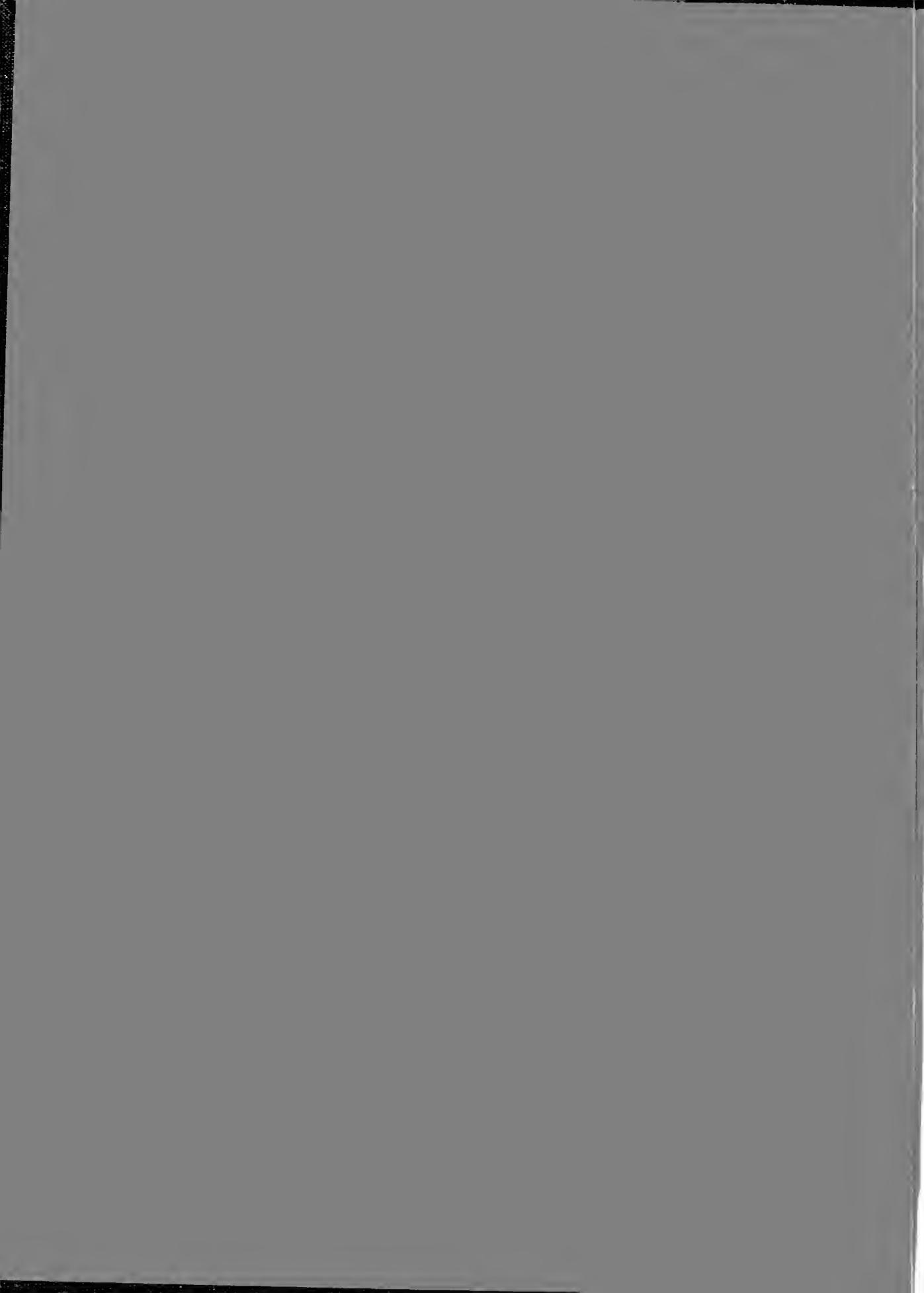


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## Dedication

The 1982 Belle is dedicated to the graduating seniors. They came with their minds set on achievement and many of them did. In this brief journey, they shared the realities of being Bennett women, enjoyed the splendor of action, and sought the glory of power. May their tomorrows be filled with accomplishments.

# A Metamorphic Experience

The biologist views metamorphosis as "a change in structure without retention of the original form." The simple layman upon hearing the term merely visualizes the various stages through which a caterpillar must pass in order to reach the beautiful stage of butterfly. Both concepts of metamorphosis became a common ideology throughout the college community.

The year was filled with apprehension and misgivings as the shadow of Reagonomics touched the campus reminding each in the process that things were bound to get worse before better. We saw the price of a postage stamp jump to 20¢... a decrease in student financial aid... cut in gas prices offset by the rise in food and car costs... the

dwindling of the American Dream of owning a home as interest rates rose to record highs.

It was a year of public protest... against the construction of nuclear plants and nuclear disposal sites... against the registration of college students in Guilford County... against new federal proposals which are making education for the elite only... unemployment reached record proportions.

It was also a year marked by violence... the assassination of Egypt's Sadat... the child killings in Atlanta... military spending taking priority over social programs... the British-Argentine fight over the Falklands.

And finally at Bennett... The concepts of metamorpho-



sis and change were synonymous. There were the traditional joys, tears, anger, love and sharing. There were the discoveries, the surprises, the distrust, the trust, and all of the experiences that make up campus life.

Three dynamic personalities made their individual impact felt. Bennett welcomed a new dean of student affairs, Dr. Phyllis Forte Ethridge. With a woman dean, students anticipated an exciting year. Our expectations were high and for some short lived. No doubt, in the minds of many of us, the Trevi Fountain Catastrophe will go down in Bennett history as one of the darkest days experienced by contemporary Belles.

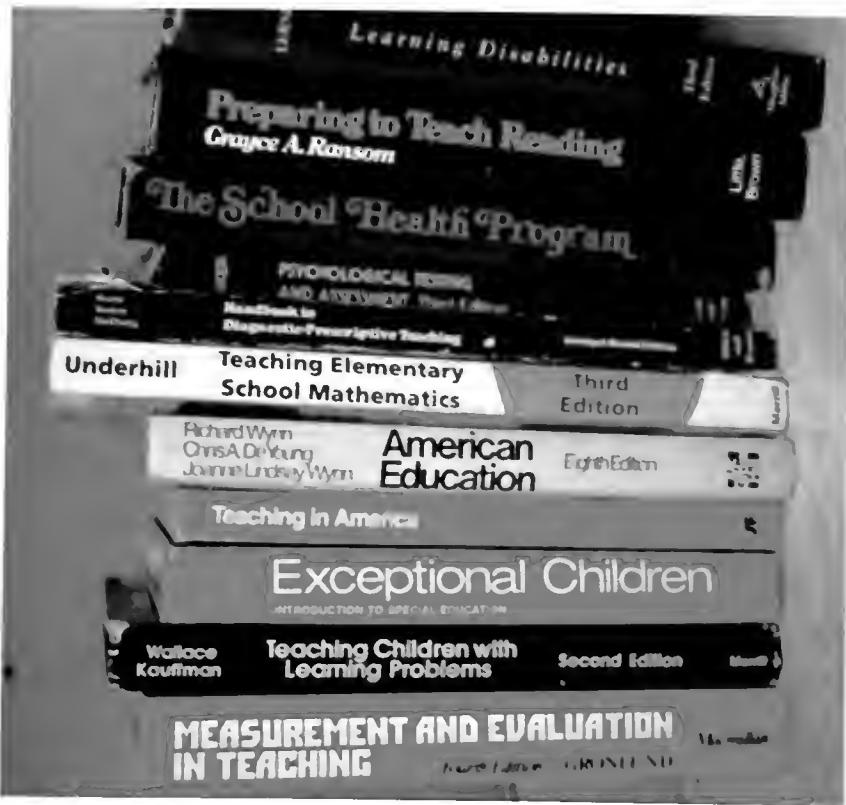
Karen Dixon, our SGA president, aggressively moved to evoke greater student involvement and respect for student



rights. She challenged both faculty and students to strive for academic excellence. Marching to the beat of military precision, she ruffled a few administrative feathers and set the wheels of student government into motion.

Ms. Motlalepula Chabaku was a welcomed addition to the college community. As our International Scholar-In-Residence, she attempted to make us aware of the realities of world injustice to women and blacks. An exile native of South Africa, hers was a message of waking up.

The wind of change blew around us. Few will doubt that they were touched. Each experience made its impact, changing us in ways many were unprepared to accept or acknowledge. Every member of the campus community will cherish some personal memories.



Some will sigh with relief that it is over and others will hate to see it end.

Join with us as we recapture the metamorphosis. Hopefully, we will conclude that it was not the bad year it appeared to be. May it challenge you to greater efforts in the coming year. May the good moments reflected here overshadow the bad. May optimism grow as we come to share a common mission and realize why we are here.

— The Staff















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# Some Celebrated Founder's Day



# Others Went to City Stage





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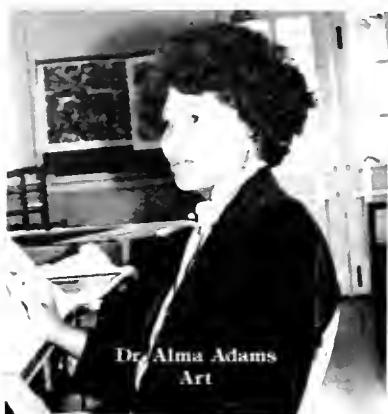
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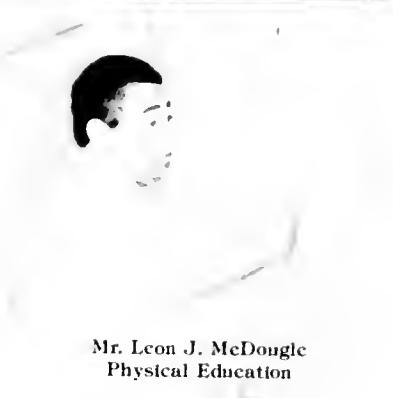
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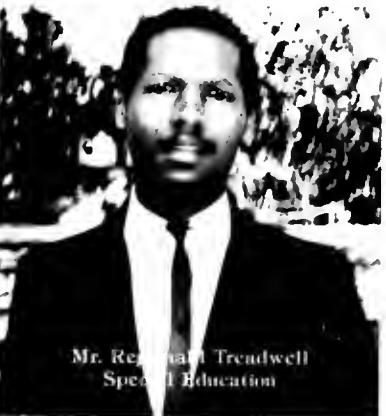
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Ellerbe, N.C.  
Early Childhood Education  
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Early Childhood Education  
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Clothing

Career Goal: Designer, Bridal Consultant  
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Health Science/Chemistry



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**Yvonne Brown**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Social Welfare



**Thomasina Burnette**  
Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Accounting

Career Goal: Certified Public Accountant

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3 — 4; Dean's List 4; Business Club 1 — 4; and Reynolds Hall Resident Assistant 3 — 4.



**Carla Burley**  
Atlanta, GA  
Accounting

Career Goal: Accountant

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 4; Business Club 1 — 4; and Reynolds Hall Resident Assistant 3 — 4.



**Valerie Callender**  
Worcester, MA.  
Pre-Medicine

Career Goal: Surgeon

Highlights: Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society 3 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 4; Honor's Convocation 1 — 4; National Dean's List 2; Senior Honor Society 4; Inter-dormitory Council 3 — 4; Parliamentarian 3 and President 4; Varsity Basketball 1 — 3; Pre-Alumnae Council 3 — 4; Miss Pre-Alumnae Council 3; and NAACP 1.



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Physical Education

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Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chaplain.



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Career Goal: Pharmacist

Highlights: Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society 3 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 3; Honor's Convocation 1 — 2; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; Senior Honor Society 3 — 4; First Attendant to Miss Bennett 4; Peer Advisor 2 — 3; Student Union Board 3, President; Pep Club 1; President; and NAACP 1.



Brenda Clark  
White Plains, NY  
Health Sciences

Career Goal: Public Health Nurse

Highlights: Air Force ROTC 1 — 4; Angel Flight 1 — 4; Dean's List 2; Marshal Board 4; and NAACP 4.

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Washington, D.C.  
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Career Goal: Educational Researcher

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi — 4; Council for Exceptional Children 2 — 4; Deans List 4; Special Ed. Club 2 — 4; Campus Girl Scouts 4.



Kimberli Coleman  
Chicago, Ill.  
Biology

Career Goal: Coroner

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; Council for Greek Sororities 4; Dean's List 1 — 2; Honors Convocation 1 — 2; Women's Recreation Association 3 — 4; Vice-President 4; Volleyball Team 1 — 2; Dance Co. 2 — 4; Miss Junior; and Student Union Board



Anita L. Coleman  
Petersburg, VA  
Political Science

Career Goal: Lawyer

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha 3 — 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 2 — 4; Secretary 3, National Sec. 4; Miss Pre-Alumnae 4; Dance Co. 2 — 3; Assistant Dormitory Director 4; Sophomore Class Historian; Marshal Board 3; Social Science Club 3; NAACP 1





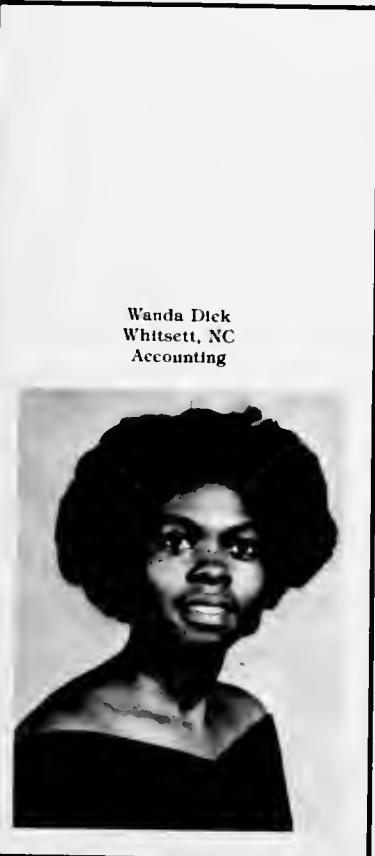
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Graham, NC  
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Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4.

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Baltimore, MD  
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Military  
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Career Goal: Military Office

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; Asst. Business Manager 3; President 4; President of the Student Government Association 4; Freshman Class President; Junior Class Vice-President; Army ROTC 1 — 4; Army ROTC Scholarship Recipient 2; Distinguished Military Student Award 4; and Marshal Board 3.





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Physical Education

Career Goal: P.E. Teacher and Coach  
Highlights: Women's Recreation Association 1 — 4; Volleyball Team 1 — 4; Dean's List 4; Freshman Athlete of the Year; Most Valuable Basketball Player 3; and Physical Education Club 1 — 4.

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Career Goal: Marketing Research Analyst  
Highlights: Student Union Board 2; Student Advisory Council 2; Phi Beta Sigma Dove; and Auxiliary Club



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Career Goal: Chemist  
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Career Goal: Teacher

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3 — 4; Council for Exceptional Children 3 — 4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3 — 4; Marshal Board 2 — 4; NAACP; Pre-Alumnae Council 1; and Business Club 2.



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Communications Media and  
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Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 1 — 4; Junior Class Historian; Senior Class Historian; and Student Union Board 1 — 4.





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ISP/Mass Communications

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Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4; Dean's List 3 — 4; Bennett Banner Staff 2 — 3; Co-Editor 3; The Belle Yearbook Staff 2 — 4; Editor 4; Student Government Association 3 — 4; Secretary 3; Special Assistant to the President 4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 3; Pfeiffer Hall President 1; Women's Recreation 1; Student Union Board 1; and Marshal Board 2; National Register of Outstanding College Graduates — 4



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Jacksonville, NC  
Special Education

Career Goal: Air Force Colonel

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 4; Dean's List 4; Air Force ROTC 1 — 4; Angel Flight Society 1 — 4; Arnold Air Society 4; Council for Exceptional Children 1; and Campus Girl Senuts 1 — 3; Girl Scout Leader 1 — 3.



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Psychology

Career Goal: Psychologist

Highlights: Social Science Club 3 — 4, President 4; Dean's List 1; and Honors Convocation 1.



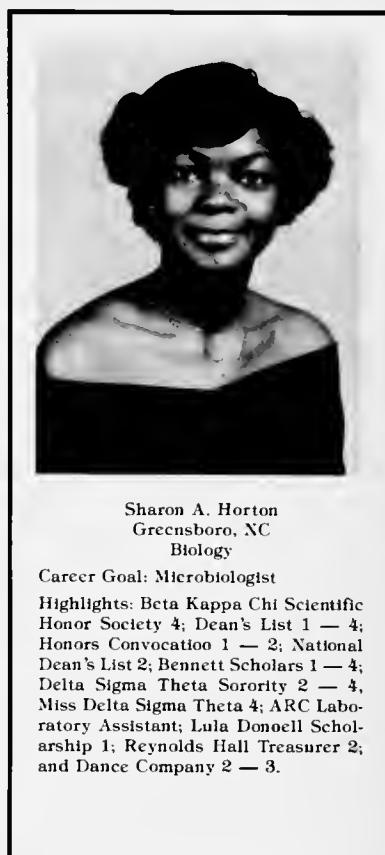


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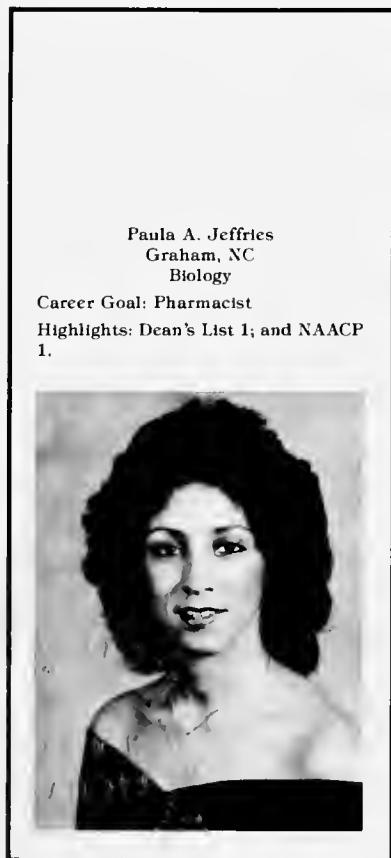
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Biology

Career Goal: Microbiologist

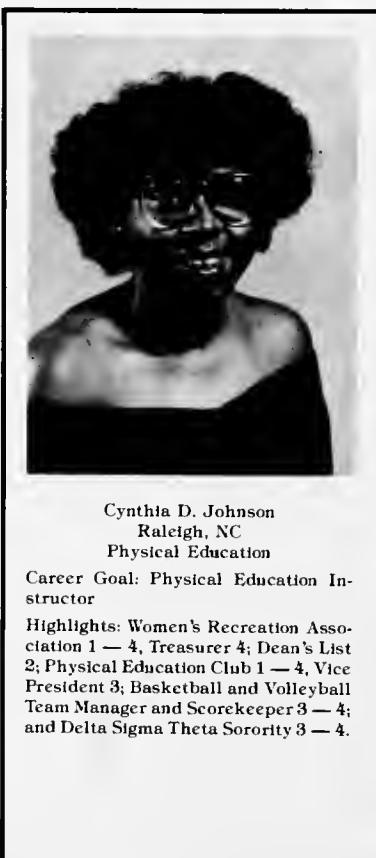
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Career Goal: Pharmacist

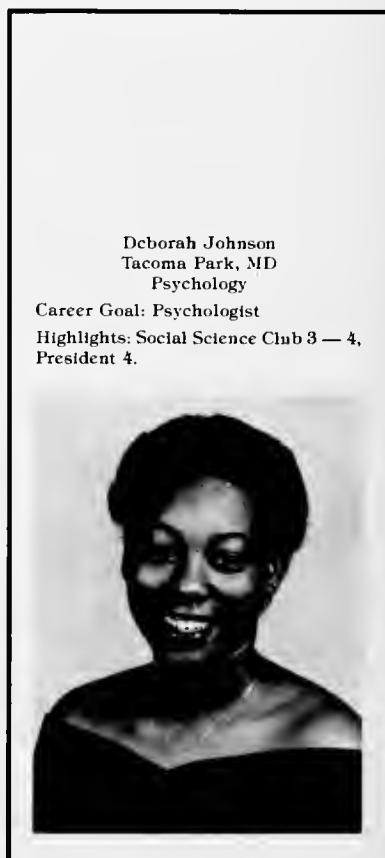
Highlights: Dean's List 1; and NAACP 1.



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Career Goal: Physical Education Instructor

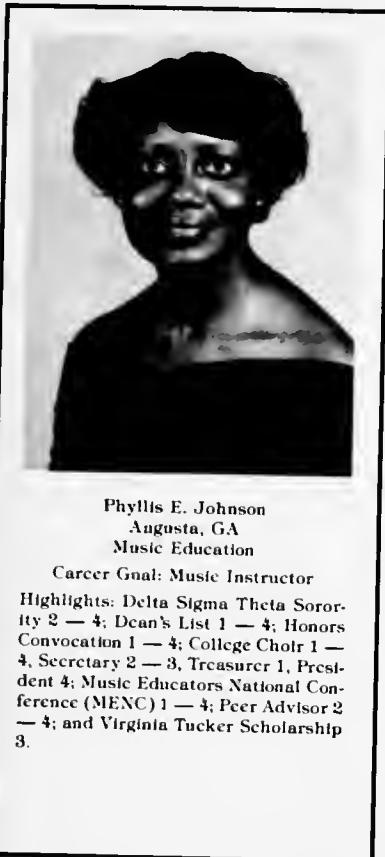
Highlights: Women's Recreation Association 1 — 4, Treasurer 4; Dean's List 2; Physical Education Club 1 — 4, Vice President 3; Basketball and Volleyball Team Manager and Scorekeeper 3 — 4; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4.



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Career Goal: Psychologist

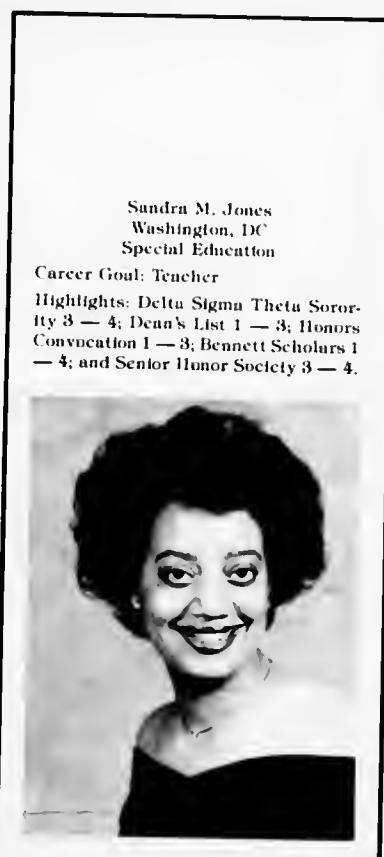
Highlights: Social Science Club 3 — 4, President 4.



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Career Goal: Music Instructor

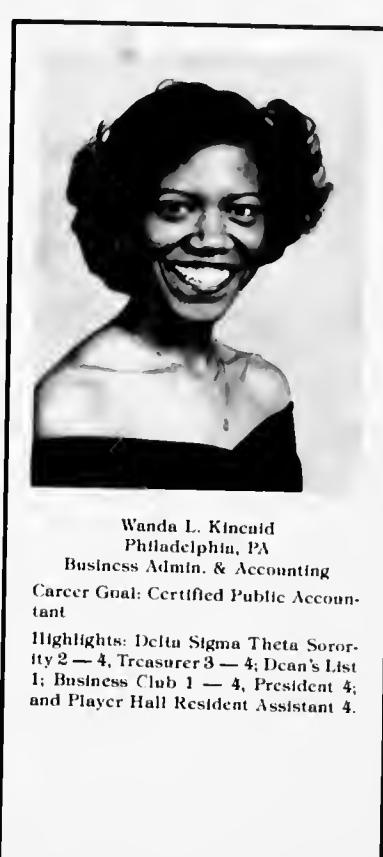
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 4; Honors Convocation 1 — 4; College Choir 1 — 4; Secretary 2 — 3; Treasurer 1; President 4; Music Educators National Conference (MENC) 1 — 4; Peer Advisor 2 — 4; and Virginia Tucker Scholarship 3.



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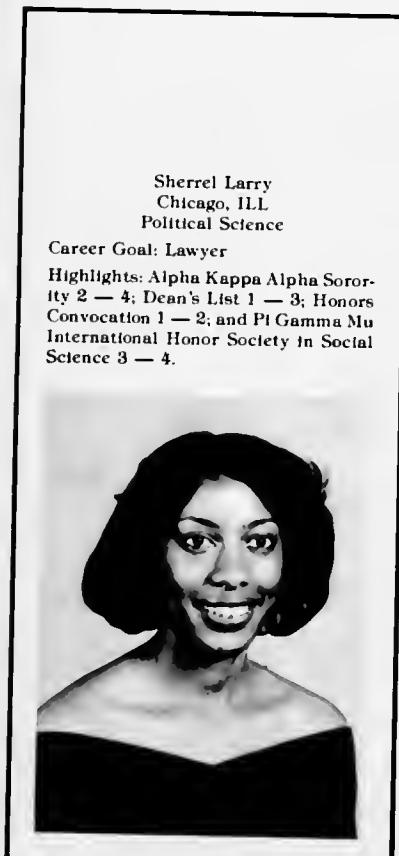
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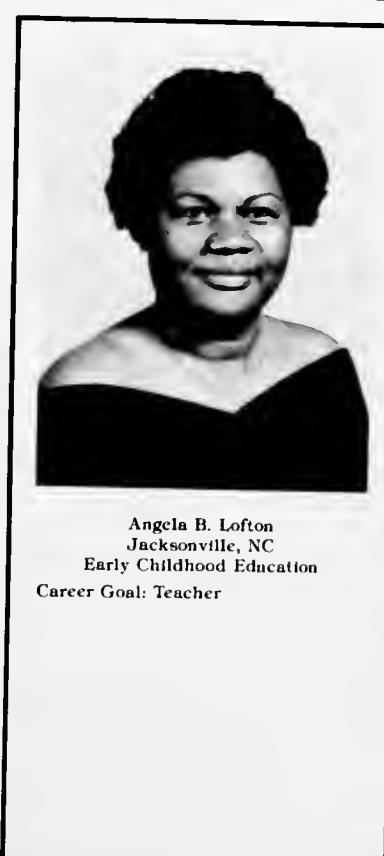
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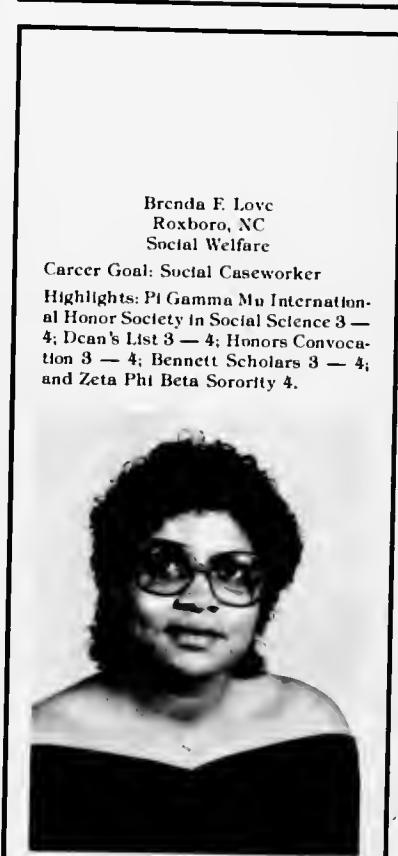
Career Goal: Lawyer

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 3; Honors Convocation 1 — 2; and Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science 3 — 4.



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Early Childhood Education

Career Goal: Teacher



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Social Welfare

Career Goal: Social Caseworker

Highlights: Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science 3 — 4; Dean's List 3 — 4; Honors Convocation 3 — 4; Bennett Scholars 3 — 4; and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority 4.



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Social Welfare

Career Goal: Social Worker/Youth Service Bureau

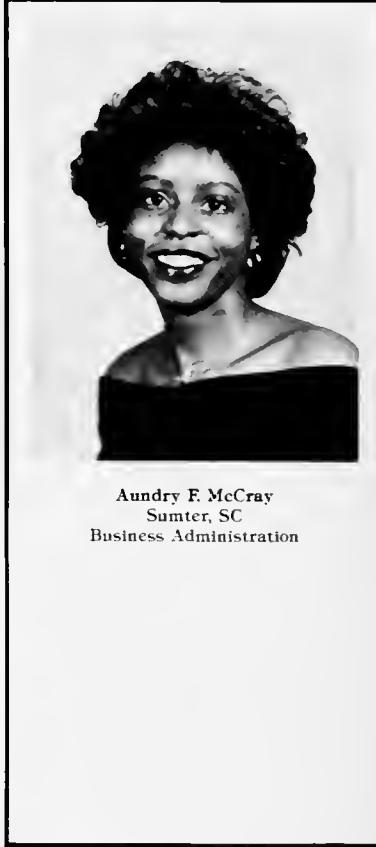
Highlights: Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science 3 — 4; Social Science Club 3; Dean's List 3 — 4; Honors Convocation 3 — 4; Bennett Scholars 3 — 4; and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority 4.



Lisa A. Mantey  
Middletown, NY  
Clinical Psychology

Career Goal: Clinical Psychologist

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; College Choir 1 — 4; Gospel Choir — Directress & Pianist 4; Concert Choir 1 — 4; Peer Advisor 2 — 4; President 4; Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association 3; Sophomore Class Parliamentarian; Dormitory Counselor 2; Dormitory Resident Assistant 4; and Social Science Club 3 — 4.



Aundry F. McCray  
Sumter, SC  
Business Administration



Veous McDowell  
Plainfield, NJ  
Business Administration

Highlights: Highlights: Bennett Banner Staff 3 — 4; Student Union Board 2 — 4; Marshal Board 2 — 4; President 3; Treasurer 4; and Player Hall Resident Assistant 4.



Arlene McNeil  
Henderson, NC  
English



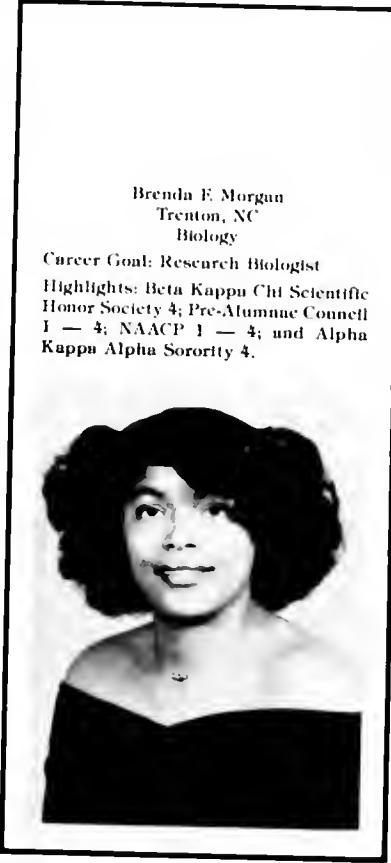
Debra J. Moore  
Morganton, NC  
Special Education

Career Goal: Special Education Teacher

Highlights: Bennett Scholars 1 — 4; President 4; Dean's List 1 — 4; Honors Convocation 1 — 4; Peer Advisor 2 — 4; Senior Honor Society 3 — 4; Council for Exceptional Children 4; Merner Hall Secretary 2; and Miss Senior Class.



**Yolanda L. Moore**  
Ettrick, VA  
Business Administration



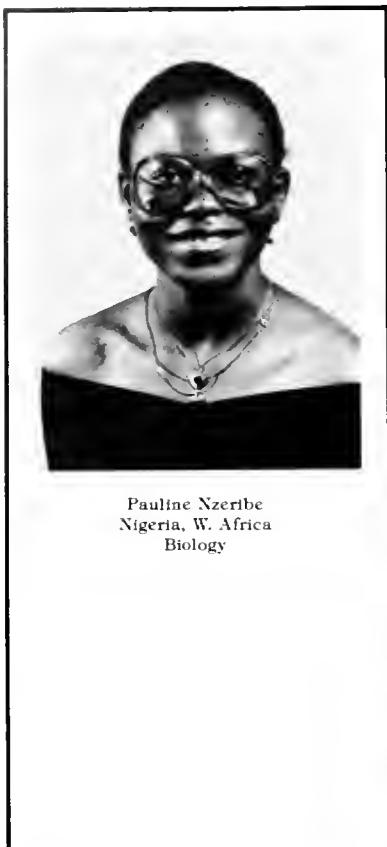
**Brenda E. Morgan**  
Trenton, NC  
Biology  
Career Goal: Research Biologist  
Highlights: Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 1 — 4; NAACP 1 — 4; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 4.



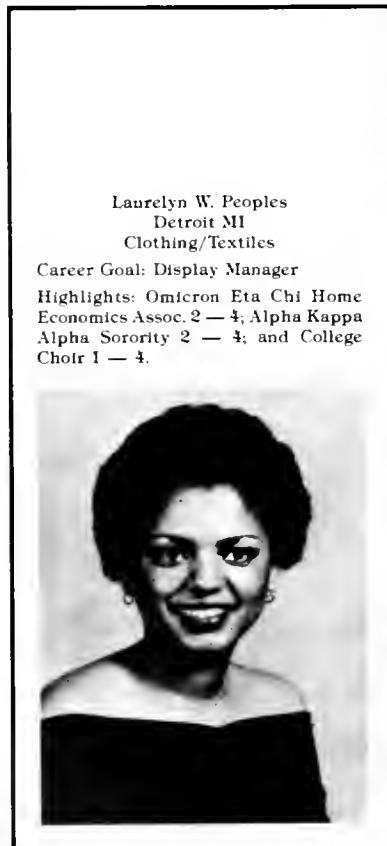
**Sharon S. Nesbitt**  
Raleigh, NC  
Business Administration  
Career Goal: Executive Secretary  
Highlights: Business Club 4; Dean's List 1; Jones Hall Resident Assistant 4; and NAACP 4.



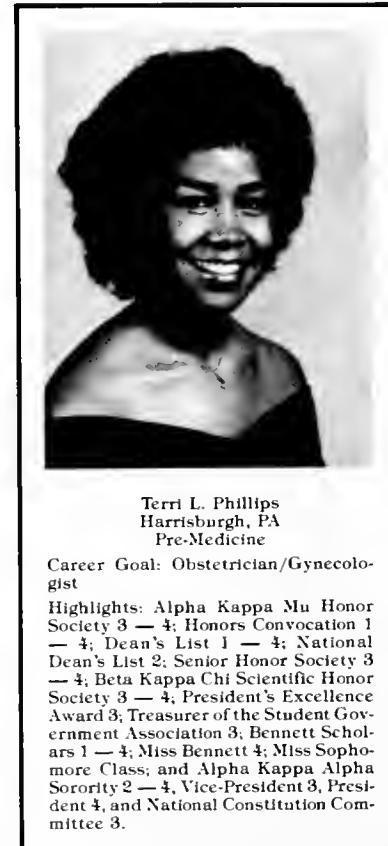
**Geraldine Nzeribe**  
Nigeria, W. Africa  
Biology



Pauline Nzeribe  
Nigeria, W. Africa  
Biology



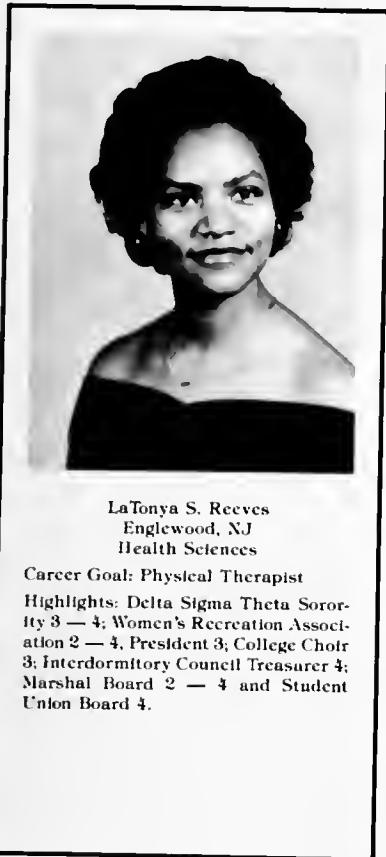
Laurelyn W. Peoples  
Detroit MI  
Clothing/Textiles  
Career Goal: Display Manager  
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 2 — 4; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; and College Choir 1 — 4.



Terri L. Phillips  
Harrisburgh, PA  
Pre-Medicine  
Career Goal: Obstetrician/Gynecologist  
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3 — 4; Honors Convocation 1 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 4; National Dean's List 2; Senior Honor Society 3 — 4; Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society 3 — 4; President's Excellence Award 3; Treasurer of the Student Government Association 3; Bennett Scholars 1 — 4; Miss Bennett 4; Miss Sophomore Class; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4, Vice-President 3, President 4, and National Constitution Committee 3.



Cynthia G. Porter  
Boonville, NC  
Home Economics Education  
Career Goal: Home Economics Instructor  
Highlights: Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Honor Society 4, Secretary 4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3 — 4, President 4; and Home Manager of the Year Award 3.



LaTonya S. Reeves  
Englewood, NJ  
Health Sciences

Career Goal: Physical Therapist

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4; Women's Recreation Association 2 — 4; President 3; College Choir 3; Interdormitory Council Treasurer 4; Marshal Board 2 — 4 and Student Union Board 4.



Pumela R. Reid  
Charlotte, NC  
Business Administration  
Career Goal: Temporary Employment Agency  
Highlights: Business Club 2 — 4; Vice-President 4; Dean's List 3 — 4; and Methodsit Co-op Program Tutor 3.



Gwendolyn A. Rice  
Philadelphia, PA  
Business Administration

Career Goal: Personnel Director

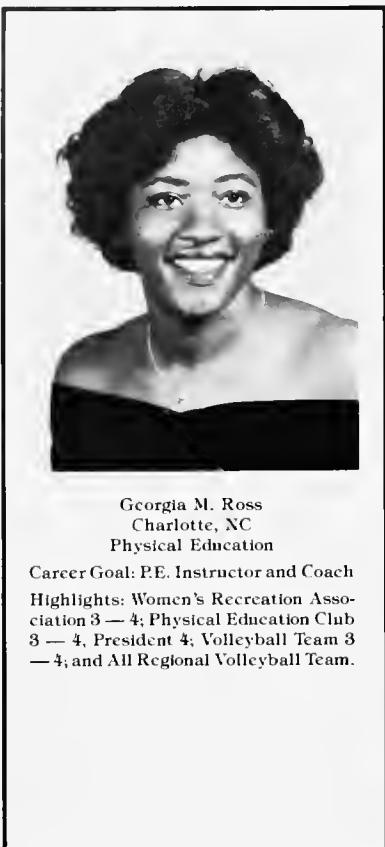
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3 — 4; NAACP 4; President 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 3 — 4; and Business Club 1 — 4.



India C. Richmond  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ  
Special Education

Career Goal: Teacher

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 1; Honors Convocation 1; Pfeiffer Hall Dormitory Counselor 2 — 3; and Pfeiffer Hall Assistant Director 4.



Georgia M. Ross  
Charlotte, NC  
Physical Education

Career Goal: P.E. Instructor and Coach

Highlights: Women's Recreation Association 3 — 4; Physical Education Club 3 — 4; President 4; Volleyball Team 3 — 4; and All Regional Volleyball Team.



Lisa M. Rouse  
Charleston, SC  
Business Administration

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4.



Regina T. Scott  
Sharon Hall, PA  
Business Administration

Career Goal: Financial Analyst

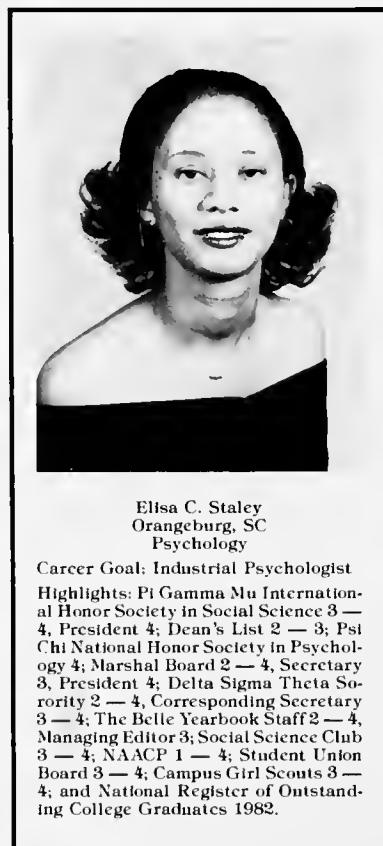
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 2; Honors Convocation 1 — 2; Interdormitory Council 2; Judiciary Council 4; NAACP 1 — 4; Business Club 4; Intramural Sports 1; and Senior Class President.



Donna L. Siler  
Sanford, NC  
Business Administration

Career Goal: Marketing Executive

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4, Recording Secretary 3 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 3; Honors Convocation 1 — 3; Business Club 3 — 4, Secretary 3; Business Achievement Award 3; Treasurer of the Student Government Association 4; Freshman Class Vice-President; and Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 3.



Elisa C. Staley  
Orangeburg, SC  
Psychology

Career Goal: Industrial Psychologist

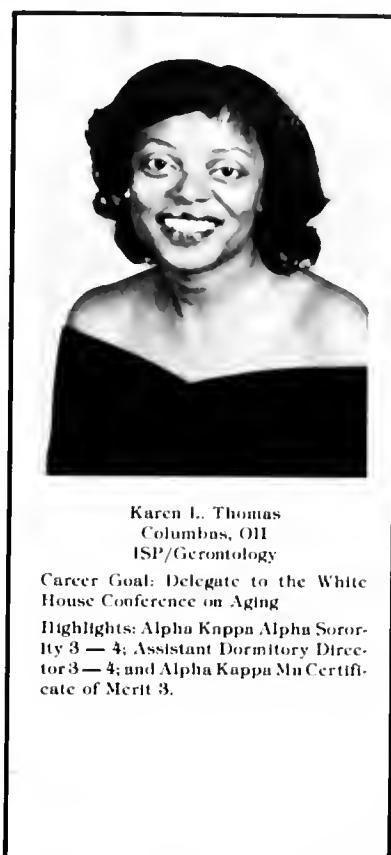
Highlights: Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science 3 — 4, President 4; Dean's List 2 — 3; Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology 4; Marshal Board 2 — 4, Secretary 3, President 4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4, Corresponding Secretary 3 — 4; The Belle Yearbook Staff 2 — 4, Managing Editor 3; Social Science Club 3 — 4; NAACP 1 — 4; Student Union Board 3 — 4; Campus Girl Scouts 3 — 4; and National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 1982.



Valeria D. Taylor  
Durham, NC  
Business Administration

Career Goal: Store Manager

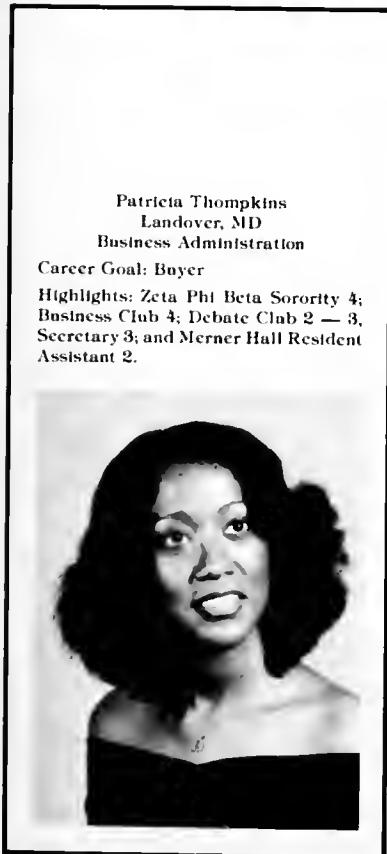
Highlights: Omicron Tau Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3 — 4, 1st Vice President 4; Business Club 4, Marshal Board 2 — 3; Dance Company 3 — 4; Junior Class Asst. Secretary; and Senior Class Asst. Secretary.



**Karen L. Thomas**  
Columbus, OH  
ISP/Gerontology

**Career Goal:** Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging

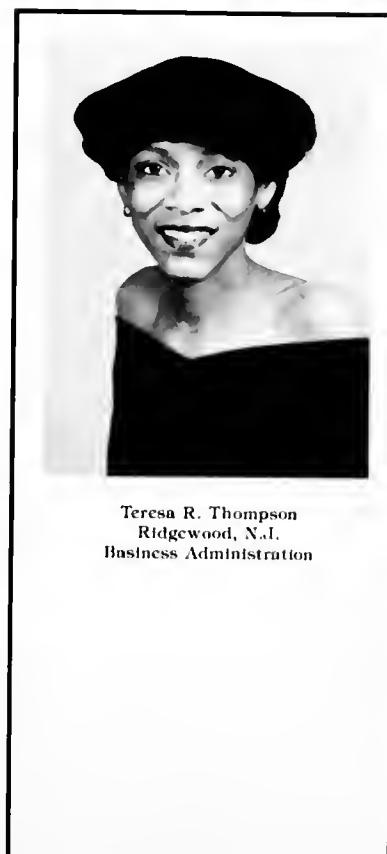
**Highlights:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3 — 4; Assistant Dormitory Director 3 — 4; and Alpha Kappa Mu Certificate of Merit 3.



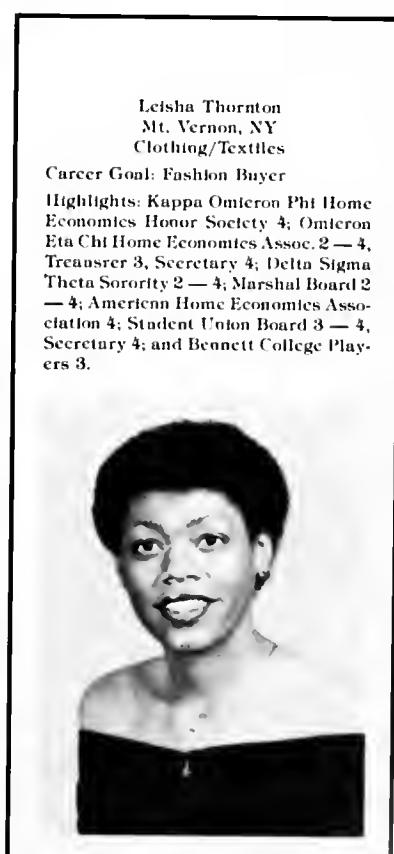
**Patricia Thompkins**  
Landover, MD  
Business Administration

**Career Goal:** Buyer

**Highlights:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority 4; Business Club 4; Debate Club 2 — 3; Secretary 3; and Merner Hall Resident Assistant 2.



**Teresa R. Thompson**  
Ridgewood, N.J.  
Business Administration



**Leisha Thornton**  
Mt. Vernon, NY  
Clothing/Textiles

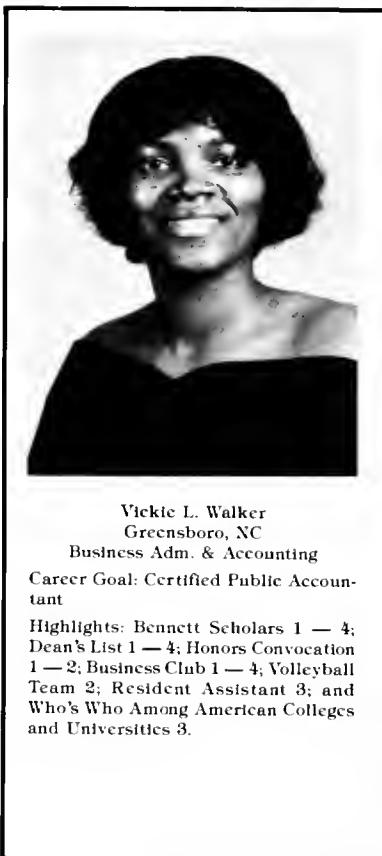
**Career Goal:** Fashion Buyer

**Highlights:** Kappa Omicron Phi Home Economics Honor Society 4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 2 — 4; Treasurer 3; Secretary 4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4; Marshal Board 2 — 4; American Home Economics Association 4; Student Union Board 3 — 4; Secretary 4; and Bennett College Players 3.



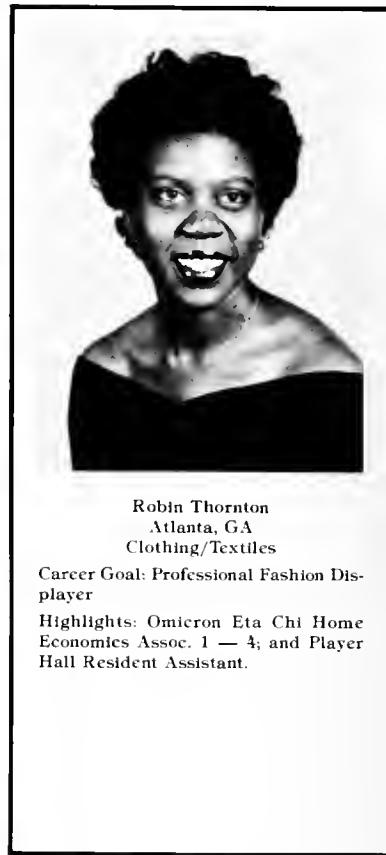
Parresc V. Wade  
Corona, NY  
Graphic Art

Highlights: College Choir 3 — 4; The Belle Yearbook Staff 3 — 4; Band 3 — 4; Alpha Sweetheart; Bennett College Player 3 — 4; and S.O.B.O.S.S.



Vickie L. Walker  
Greensboro, NC  
Business Adm. & Accounting  
Career Goal: Certified Public Accountant

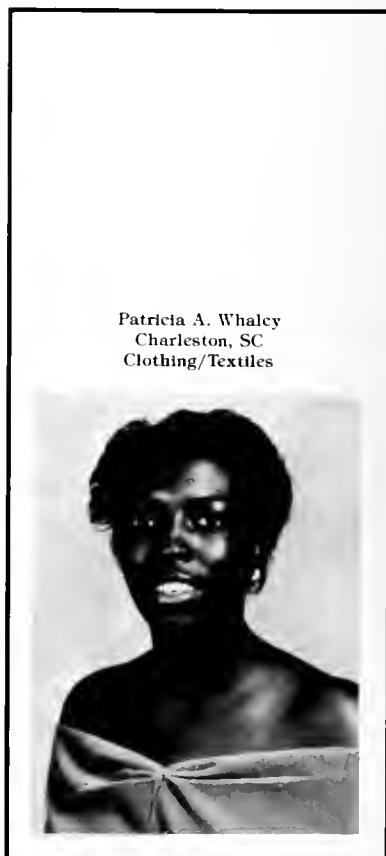
Highlights: Bennett Scholars 1 — 4; Dean's List 1 — 4; Honors Convocation 1 — 2; Business Club 1 — 4; Volleyball Team 2; Resident Assistant 3; and Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 3.



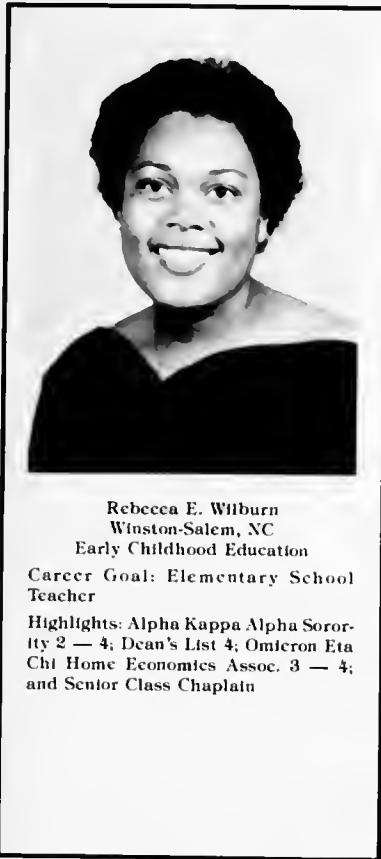
Robin Thornton  
Atlanta, GA  
Clothing/Textiles

Career Goal: Professional Fashion Designer

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 1 — 4; and Player Hall Resident Assistant.



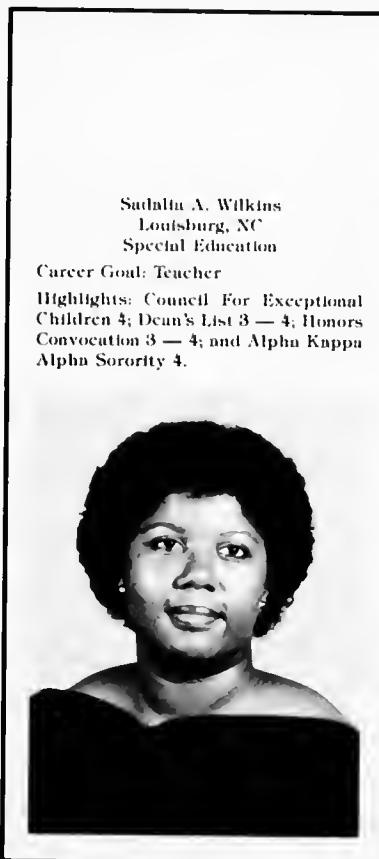
Patricia A. Whaley  
Charleston, SC  
Clothing/Textiles



Rebecca E. Wilburn  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Early Childhood Education

**Career Goal:** Elementary School Teacher

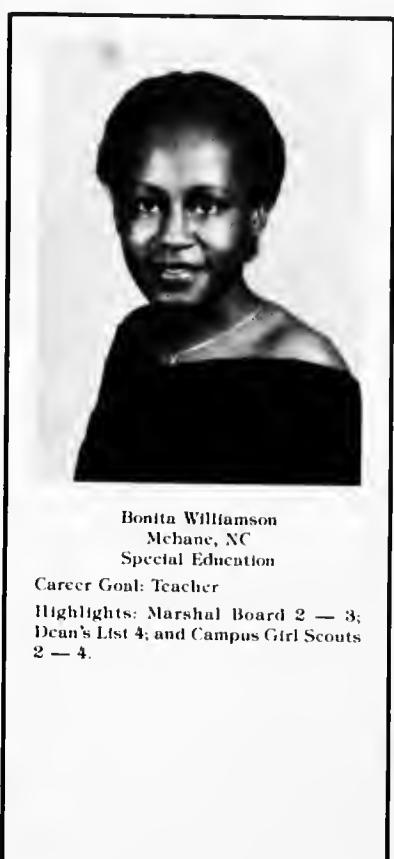
**Highlights:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 — 4; Dean's List 4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3 — 4; and Senior Class Chaplain



Sadalin A. Wilkins  
Louisburg, NC  
Special Education

**Career Goal:** Teacher

**Highlights:** Council For Exceptional Children 4; Dean's List 3 — 4; Honors Convocation 3 — 4; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 4.



Bonita Williamson  
Mechanicsville, NC  
Special Education

**Career Goal:** Teacher

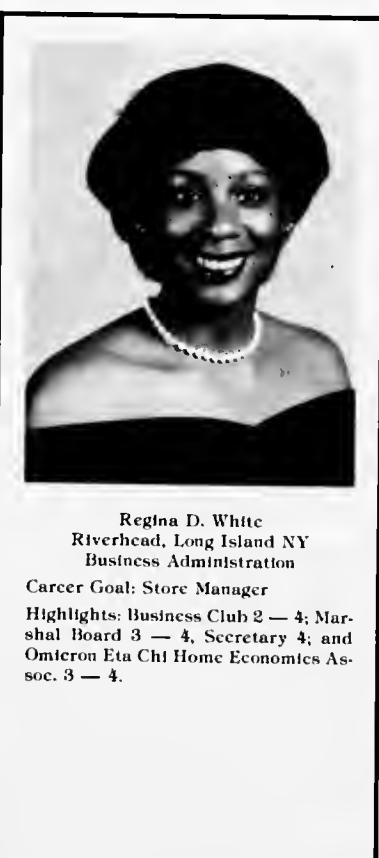
**Highlights:** Marshal Board 2 — 3; Dean's List 4; and Campus Girl Scouts 2 — 4.



Valerie Wills  
Brooklyn, NY  
Business Administration

**Career Goal:** Computer Consultant

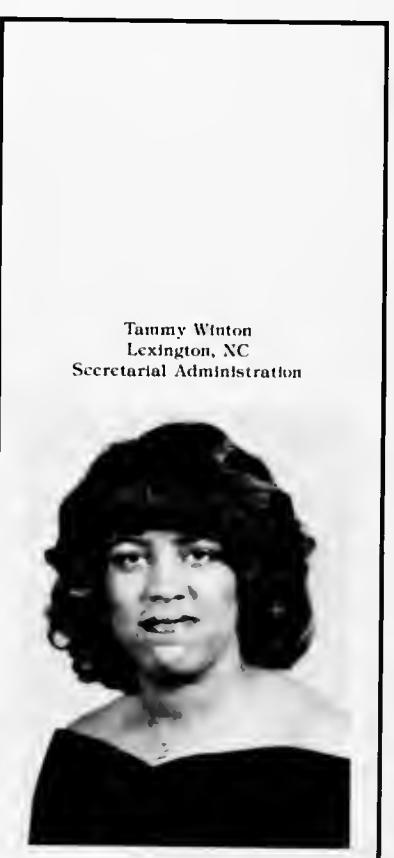
**Highlights:** Pre-Alumnae Council 3 — 4, Treasurer 3, President 4; Inter-dormitory Council 3 — 4, Secretary 3, Vice-President 4; NAACP 1 — 2, Treasurer 2; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2 — 4, 2nd Vice President 3; Dance Company 1 — 2; Business Club 1 — 4; and National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 1982.



Regina D. White  
Riverhead, Long Island NY  
Business Administration

**Career Goal:** Store Manager

**Highlights:** Business Club 2 — 4; Marshal Board 3 — 4, Secretary 4; and Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3 — 4.



Tammy Winton  
Lexington, NC  
Secretarial Administration

# In Appreciation

Dr. Miller, our distinguished President, eminent faculty and staff, beloved parents, friends of Bennett College, my sister Bennett Belles. This is truly a major milestone in my life. To be chosen by my classmates to represent them on such a significant occasion is indeed an honor.

This year has been one of reflections for many of our class. Since 1978 Bennett College has been our extended family away from our homes. We arrived as eager, ambitious freshman from all parts of this country and abroad. Many of us were ill equipped for the social adjustment and academic rigor of this institution. Each year brought new and sobering experiences and saw the enhancement of our personal goals and ambitions. Each year brought further refinement of our many talents and abilities. We realized soon that we were nurtured and sheltered by an institution sensitive to the needs and development of young black women. But as with all families, each year saw our family size dwindle as members defected for many various reasons. To paraphrase an old familiar song "The road was rough — The going got tough and the Hills were hard to climb. But many of us had decided a long time ago and there was no doubt in our minds that we were going to make Bennett College our home."

Our college years have been a time of far reaching world events. To name a few: 1. The resurgence and revival of racial bigotry and the Ku Klux Klan. 2. The election of Ronald Reagan as president of the United States and affirmative action and the enforcement of Civil Rights, an administration of heavy budget cuts — of return to states rights and a subtle denial of education guarantees necessary for survival. 3. The energy crisis. 4. The Atlanta killings of young Black children. 5. The launching of space missiles and the beginning of the second space age with all of its many possibilities and ramifications. 6. And most alarming the epidemic state in alcohol and drug usage. These events and many others both local and nationwide created an atmosphere of apprehension, tension and fear across the country. It was in this uneasy climate that we struggled to chart the course of our lives.

Today, we rejoice that we have come thus far. Today we begin the celebration of our commencement. This is the beginning of the end. The beginning of that long worked for and awaited day. George Allen, former football coach of the Washington Redskins, was fond of saying (I quote) "The future is Now" (Unquote). This is the future we dreamed of four years ago.

We are grateful that we have been



fortunate to attend this prestigious predominately Black women's institution. We came for many different personal reasons but most of us knew and were impressed with what Bennett College could offer us. The value and place of Black institutions in our society continue to be a topic of debate. The credibility of many of our institutions is being seriously questioned. Cases of educational fraud, mental waste and abuse ranging from modest to monumental are everywhere around us. The status of Bennett College has also been explored. We have rejoiced in the decision that our school will retain its identity and women status and continue to devote itself to the education and advancement of young Black women. The quality and quantity of the education we have received here is immeasurable. Not only do we appreciate the high academic standards demanded of us but also the training we have received to face the realities of the outside world and to improve the quality of life for all people. Our select international student body and faculty have been an educational experience in itself. The offerings and cultural exposure have given us opportunities for personal growth and development. Bennett College is truly one of the outstanding colleges of this country. We will always remember you with love and pride.

As we begin this celebration we pause to pay tribute and respect to many who have made this possible. To the administration, faculty and staff —



our sincere appreciation for your patience, guidance and constant insistence on excellence. You have been constant sources of inspiration in many ways. In many ways you have shown us that you really cared. Most of all we appreciate the outpouring of warmth and sincerity you have extended to each of us in some manner. We want you to know that we are not insensitive to all that you have done for us.

To our parents, guardians and families — we can never say enough. We shall be eternally grateful. You have sustained us with your emotional and material support and we are fully aware of all the effects of the economy and today's deepending recession and of the personal sacrifices on your part. Through it all — you have always managed to come through. Our heartfelt thanks and God bless each of you.

To my sister Bennett Belles of the class of 1982 — we have come a long, long way and today means different things to each of us. The comraderie we have shared has been overwhelming. Our love and concern for each other know no bounds. There have been good times and bad times. Can we ever forget attending A.S.E.S.? The basketball and volleyball games? The solemn beauty of student convocation and commencement marches? The Annual Christmas Candlelight Concerts? The hilarious but well executed faculty follies, parents weekend activities? The festivities accompanying the coronation of Miss Bennett? We have faced great academic and social challenges together. We have cared and shared as



we burned the midnight oil. These past four years have prepared us to face whatever confronts us in the future. We shall remember them as the most enjoyable and interesting of our lives. We now prepare to enter a confused and frustrated world, a world of warring and divergent ideologies, a world of conflicting rhetoric and a world described by some as a ticking time bomb. We enter this world confident and unafraid. The number of black college graduates has doubled in the past decade and we are proud to be a part of this trend. The class of 1982 is bolstered with a depth of education, talents, skills and accomplishments unprecedented in our history and necessary for the work world. John F. Kennedy once said (I quote) "Of those to whom much is given — much is required." We accept our new responsibilities individually and collectively. Whatever we do, wherever we may go — may our hopes and dreams be realized in the fullest degree and in the years to come, may our lives reflect credit upon our Alma Mater.

"Bennett now our voices raise Harmonies of grateful praise"



# U N D E R C L A S S E S



# We Are As One . . .

Vera A. Adams 1



Rhonda Afflick 1



Melanie Alford 2



Donna Allen 2



Lisa Alston 1  
Mary Alston 1  
Shirley Anderson 2  
Marsha Ashley 2  
Yvonne Ashley 1



Jeannie Astwood 3  
Marcia Atwater 1  
Phyllis Baines 1  
Annette Baker 3  
Sherill D. Baldwin 2





Leslie M. Burr 2  
Tammie L. Harrow 1  
Adriane Bingham 3  
Vanessa Hendolph 1  
Debbie S. Bittle 2



Robyn Black 2  
Cheryl Y. Blake 1  
Kimberly Bond 1



Wendy A. Bonds 1  
Theresa L. Bonner 1  
Geena Bounsell 1



Kay W. Boyd 2  
Maxie A. Boyd 1  
Shelly Boyd



Linda M. Bracy 2  
Rhonda Bradley 2  
Vida Bradley 1



Lisa B. Bradshaw 1  
Jewel K. Bridgers 1  
Cynthia Brockington 1  
Garnetta Y. Brodie 3  
Agnes C. Brown 1



Deldre L. Brown 2  
Gale K. Brown 2  
Adrienne Burch 1  
Michelle Butler 1  
Terry Y. Byrd 3

Princess Campbell 3  
Wanda Chavers 2  
Cynthia Chavis 1  
Felicia A. Clark 3  
Alaina Cloud 1



Fern Coleman 1  
Theresa Coleman 2  
Dianna Cooper 1  
Mamie D. Cooper 3  
Tracey R. Cooper 2



Brenda G. Conch 2  
Bridgette Craney 1  
Maimi D. Crosby 1  
Julie E. Crowder 3  
Angela Cummings 2



DeAnn Cunningham 1  
Sandra Cunningham 2  
Tara Cureton 1  
Lynnell Darrell 1  
Cynthresha Davis 1



Marey Davis 1  
Veronica Davis 2  
Wanda D. Davis 1  
Zehena J. Davis 1  
Zolee V. Davis 2



Regina DeBose 2  
Doris Deemi 2  
Melissa Dennis 1  
Nadine Dennis 1  
Sheila Dockery 1



Wendy Dooley 3  
Belinda Drayton 1





**Yolanda Durant 2**  
**Helen E. Echols 2**  
**Jacqueline Edwards 1**  
**Hennett Edwards 3**  
**Wanda Edwards 3**



Karen D. Elder 2  
Fannie W. Elcby 2  
Tanya Ellington  
Diane Ewings 2  
Veronica Ezekegbu 1



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Wilma S. Foster 1  
Sharon Fowler 1  
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Eleanor Freeman 1  
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Vanessa Gaston 1  
Delores B. Gibbs 2  
Arnetta Gibson 1



Margo Gilmore 2  
Diane Golson 2  
Vikki Goodrich 2  
Arnetta P. Grace 3  
Anita H. Grant 2



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Charlotte Green 1  
Helen Green 2  
Yulonda Green 1  
Portia Griffin 3



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Rentonta Hairston 3  
Anna Harrington 1  
Freda Harris 2



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Effie O. Hayes 1  
Rebecca Henderson 2



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JoAnn Jacobson 1  
Donna Jessup 3



Gwendolyn Johns 1  
Deborah Johnson 3



Romona Johnson 1  
Sandra Johnson 1



Cassandra D. Jones 1  
Felicia Jones 3  
Jennifer Jones 1  
Monica Jones 2  
Sylvia Jordan 1



Tonya Joyner 1  
Jacqueline Kennedy 2  
Pamela Key 1  
Fatmata Khella 2  
Blanche King 1



Marchetta Lacy 3  
Duwan Lang 3  
LaTanya Leung 2  
Deborah Lewis 2





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Teresa Lipscomb 1  
Debra Lovett 2  
Belinda Lowery 2  
Ingrid McAdoo 1



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Daphne McCollough 1  
Beverly McCollum  
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Catheryn Nash 1  
Rose Nelson 3  
Velma Newton 2



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Cecilia Nunnally 3  
Alva Offer 3



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Valarie Pruitt 3

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**Tracie Purcell 2**



**Deborah Quicksy 1**



**Kimberly Ray 2**



**Terri Redmon 2**



**Valarie Reid 1**



**Bernadetta Rice 2**  
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Hope Robbins 1  
Lydia R. Roberson 1  
Dawn Roberts 1  
Robbin Rowe 1  
Theresa Roy 1



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Erika Saunders 1  
Roseline Scott 1  
Rethabile Sebona 2  
Karen Shields 2



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Robin D. Wilson 2  
Rose Wilson 2  
Tammy Winton 2  
Toyle Winton 2  
Kim Witherspoon 2



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Angela Womack 1  
Daphne Wright 2  
Evelyn Wright 2  
Teresa Wright 1



Jadon Youmans 2  
Leda Young 1



Shanda Young 1  
Aileen Zio 1



# ORGANIZATIONS



# Student Government Association Officers



Rose Nelson  
Vice President



Lisa Harris  
SPECIAL Assistant to the President



Donna Siler  
Treasurer

According to a random survey, most students participating indicated that the S.G.A. was a positive force in striving to aid in the upgrading of services to the student body. They also concluded that the S.G.A. officers did a good job in representing their interests.

Said one junior student, "Since I've been here, this year's leadership was the strongest I've experienced. Another said, "The cabinet as whole was one of the strongest, but when Karen leaves, so does one of the strongest leaders on this campus."

A senior added, "I want to see a student body that is more aggressive and assertive in all aspects of campus involvement, from academics to social awareness."

Karen Dixon was faced with one of the largest challenges of her collegiate experience. However armed with her R.O.T.C. knowhow, she succeeded in stirring up the Administration and the student body to think more creatively about the Bennett Experience. Outspoken and ruffling many feathers, she made her position known. Faced with a change in student affairs leadership, the student leaders operated on instinct and precedent. They attempted to work with the new dean of students, but discovered that she was away most of the first semester attending conferences and workshops.

A feeling of frustration often spreaded among the student leaders. Karen noted the inability of chief administrators to respond to her request for student representation on policy making committees that involved students or on the board of trustees. "A verbal agree-

ment had already been obtained from the President of the College at the beginning of the year."

But all was not lost. In spite of cries of "military dictatorship" within the cabinet ranks, some positive outcomes of the year were generated. Yet, it will be left to Karen's successor to keep the momentum growing. Karen Dixon awakened students to the need for making their concerns known and organizing for action. She indicated the need for the S.G.A. to have a budget and control of that budget. Members of her cabinet stressed the need to have a procedural manual for planning and implementing traditional student activities and for unraveling bureaucratic red tape and double talk.

"It is imperative that we, the students at Bennett, challenge the tenacity of the problems here by fully utilizing the S.G.A., Greek organizations, and the many other networks available, to rectify these devastating problems," Karen stated.

Concluded banner editor Myra George, "The present S.G.A. leadership has waged a tremendous fight against the lack of interest among the student body.

As the mantle of leadership is passed to new leaders, they should digest some basic principles of making themselves heard. "Have a plan of action, complete with alternatives and projected outcomes. Persevere in spite of road blocks. Set timetables and involve more students. Set your own agenda, one that speaks of relevant student concerns." This is the legacy left by the S.G.A. of 1981-82.



Karen Dixon  
President



Marchetta Lacy  
Parliamentarian



Jackie Bendolph  
Corresponding Secretary



Arlene McNeil  
Recording Secretary



# STUDENT UNION BOARD



Student Union Board

Cassandra Barnes: President  
Teresa Pratt: V. President  
Leisha Thornton: Secretary  
Gwen Walker: Secretary  
Delphine Pennick: Treasurer  
Anita Hickson: Parliamentarian

# INTERDORMITORY COUNCIL



Inter-dormitory Council

Valerie Callender: President  
Valerie Wills: V. President  
Janice DeVaughn: Secretary  
LaTonya Reeves: Treasurer  
Jackie Waller: Parliamentarian

# PRE-ALUMNAE COUNCIL



## Pre-Alumnae Council

Valerie Wills: President  
Stephante Durham: V. President  
Beverly Griffin: Secretary  
Linda Stanley: Secretary  
Ursula Williams: Treasurer  
Nadine Dennis: Parliamentarian  
Kim Witherspoon: Chaplain  
Andrea Bureh: Journalist

# BUSINESS CLUB



## Business Club

Wanda Kincaid: President  
Cheryl Johnson: V. President  
Karen Elder: Secretary  
Carla Burley: Secretary  
Gwendolyn Walker: Treasurer

## Freshman Class Officers

Rhonda Jackson: President  
Florentia Spires: V. President  
Valarie Reid: Secretary  
Nadine Dennis: Treasurer  
Pamela Gary: Parliamentarian  
Robin Rowe: Chaplain



## Sophomore Class Officers

Andrea Burch: President  
Stephanie Jeffries: V. President  
Leslie Barr: Secretary  
Diane Golson: Treasurer  
Angie Cummings: Parliamentarian  
Monica Jones: Miss Sophomore



## **Junior Class Officers**

Jackie Schumpert: President  
Velvet Johnson: V. President  
Yolanda Johnson: Secretary  
Mozetta Williams: Treasurer  
Valarie Pruitt: Parliamentarian  
Retonia Hairston: Miss Junior



## **Senior Class Officers**

Regina Scott: President  
Cynthia Asbury: V. President  
Wanda Hawkins: Secretary  
Olivia Dabney: Treasurer  
Leslie Carter: Parliamentarian  
Beverly Griffin: Historian  
Rebecca Wilburn: Chaplain  
Debra Moore: Miss Senior



# BENNETT COLLEGE CHOIR



Dooley, Wendy  
Lovett, Debra  
Spady, Leonora  
Boyd, Kay  
Deemi, Doris  
Johnson, Sandra  
Witherspoon, Kim  
Wilmore, Adele  
Harrington, Anna  
McQueen, Hazel  
Phyllis, Tillery  
Brown, Michele

Durant, Yolanda  
Morrow, Teresa  
Adams, Vera  
Barr, Leslie  
Crews, Renee  
Harris, Freda  
Jackson, Rhonda  
Johnson, Jacquelyn  
Kersey, Lisa  
Johnson, Debra  
Peoples, Lauralyn  
Wolford, Maye

Davis, Cyntresha  
Green, Charlotte  
Pickard, Amelia  
Bell, Beverly  
Campbell, Princess  
Ellington, Tonya  
Johnson, Phyllis  
Manley, Lisa  
McCall, Jean  
Rivers, Linda  
White, Jill

## Marshal Board

Elisa Stanley: President  
Delphine Pennick: V. President  
Patricia Hunter: Secretary  
Regina White: Secretary  
Venus McDowell: Treasurer



## Bennett Players

Melina Lowery: President  
Rosalyn Griffin: V. President  
Ellen Graves: Secretary  
Wanda Chavers: Treasurer  
ZsaZsa Martin: Parliamentarian  
Jeanette Hatch: Historian



## Social Science Club

Deborah Johnson: President  
Deborah Cooper: V. President  
Rosalyn Griffin: Secretary  
Cynthia Wilson: Secretary  
Velvet Johnson: Treasurer



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Reynolds Hall

Merner Hall





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MEMBERS

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Leslie Carter  
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Sharon Ferguson  
Cynthia Wilson  
Jacinta Lorrick  
Mozetta Williams  
Denise Green  
Donna Jessup  
Kathy Lewis  
Joy Waters  
Pamela Daye  
Cheryl Williams  
Sadalia Wilkins

MEMBERS (CONT'D.)

Rhonda Whitted  
Valerie Pruitt  
Cecelia Nunnally  
Eleanor Phillips  
Amelia Pickard  
Sonya Galloway  
Renee Crews





Delta Sigma Theta

### Members: Present

Dawn Wilson  
Beverly McCollum  
Lisa Rouse  
Jacqueline Johnson  
Sue Douglas  
Quindal Chambers  
Gwendolyn Rice  
Elisa Staley  
Eileen Green  
Linda Stanley  
Yolanda Moore  
Sherry Spruill  
Beverly Bell  
Lisa Harris  
Angela Wilkins  
Karen Dixon  
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Nedra McGee  
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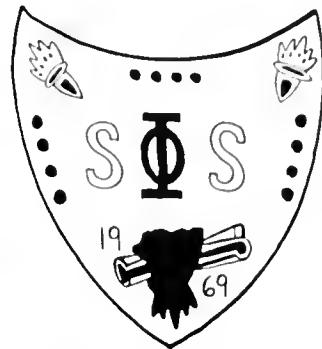




## Zeta Phi Beta Members:

Portia Griffin  
Connie Hartsfield  
Yelta P. Thorpe  
Brenda Love  
Yolande Johnson  
Patricia Thompkins  
Zenobia Braxton  
Wanda Edwards  
Linda Love  
Helen Echols  
Congolce Franklin





**Swing Phi Swing**

**Members:**

Yvonne Johnson  
Yvonne Brown  
Jocelyn Heek  
Alice Taylor  
Elaine Wilder

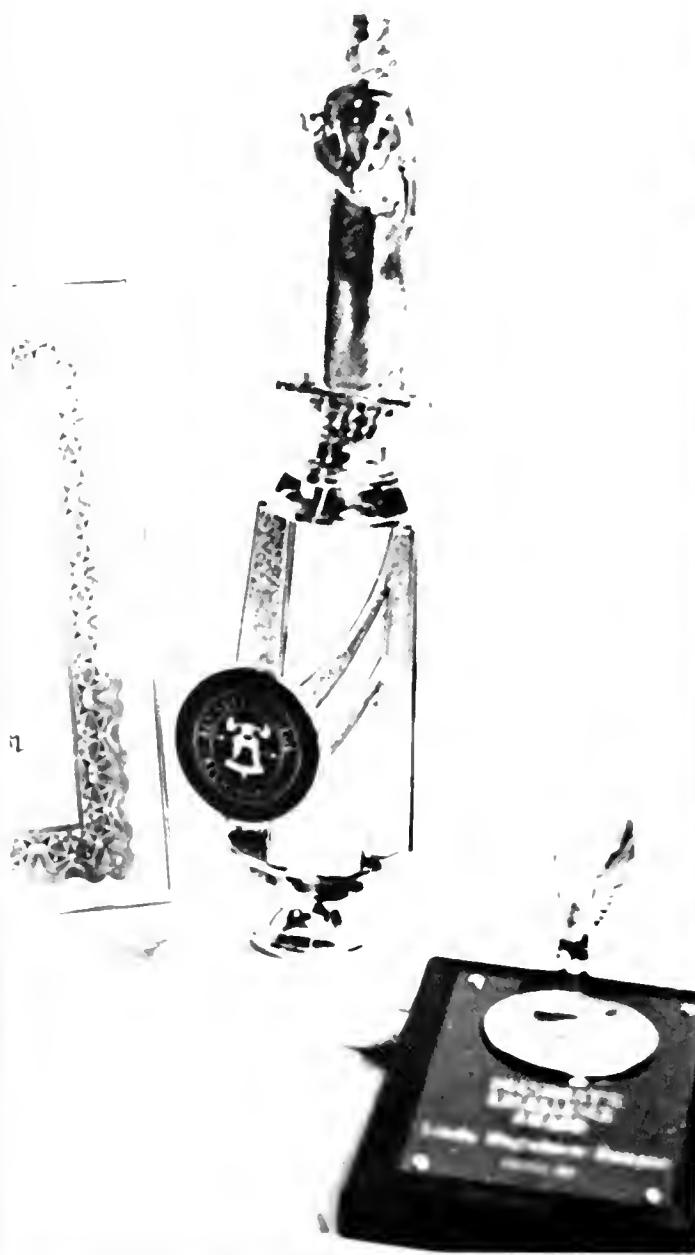
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**Members:**

Avis Douglas  
Valerie Maness  
Mary Swan  
Shelly Coston  
Robin Black  
Lupino Speneer  
Regina Debosc  
Paula Perkins  
Carol Stinson  
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## OUTSTANDING Belles '82



**Valerie**

Affiliated with several honor societies, Valerie Callender also shined on the basketball court for most of her collegiate days. A friend concluded, "She will be remembered as an independent, vivacious, and compassionate young lady."



**Cynthia**

Cynthia Asbury will be remembered as a vivacious individual who was always willing to "give a helping hand." She was a delightful fixture in Barge Hall for first year students. Listed in Who's Who in 1981 and the recipient of numerous academic honors, she was also active as a peer advisor and Bennett Scholar.

**Debra**

Debra Moore's charming personality was felt throughout the Education Division and the senior class. She dedicated a great deal of time to the Cerebral Palsy and Orthopedic Handicap School as a girl scout leader. Her academic honors were numerous.



**Myra**

Myra George demonstrated outstanding academic abilities and finished her ISP concentration in three years. As editor of the Banner, she ruffled a few feathers and praised where praise was needed. She was a valuable tutor in the Learning Resources Center. She was the recipient of the President's Excellence Award for two years.



**Elisa**

"Three times a lady" is the best way to describe scholar Elisa Staley. She distinguished herself as a student leader and as an independent scholar. Her class demonstrated its respect for her by selecting her to deliver the Appreciation Address for Senior Day.



## Terri

Terri Phillips was a beautiful creation of talent, feelings, and charm. Representing the college as Miss Bennett, she performed with royal grace. Honored for her intellectual achievements on campus, she also was recognized for outstanding academic achievements during the summer program at Meharry Medical College.

## Sharon

Sharon Horton's time was split between her off-campus job and academic pursuits. She was respected and admired by all who shared the experience with her. She represented the Deltas as their coronation queen this year. Skilled in the art of time management, Sharon performed well in the classroom and as a member of several organizations.



## Pauline

Pauline Nzeribe, one of three sisters to attend Bennett, was very goal-oriented. She charted a course marked by success. She is also an adventurer who dared to try the untried. One of the highlights of her college career was a ski trip during the Christmas break of her junior year. She was also president of the International Students Club during her junior year.

## Donna

Donna Siler proved that the Bennett Ideal is real and possible. She was a role model for underclassmen who came under her influence as a residence hall counselor. She was available to help faculty and staff to implement programs because she felt a part of the experience. She, too, mixed beauty and brains.



## Qundal

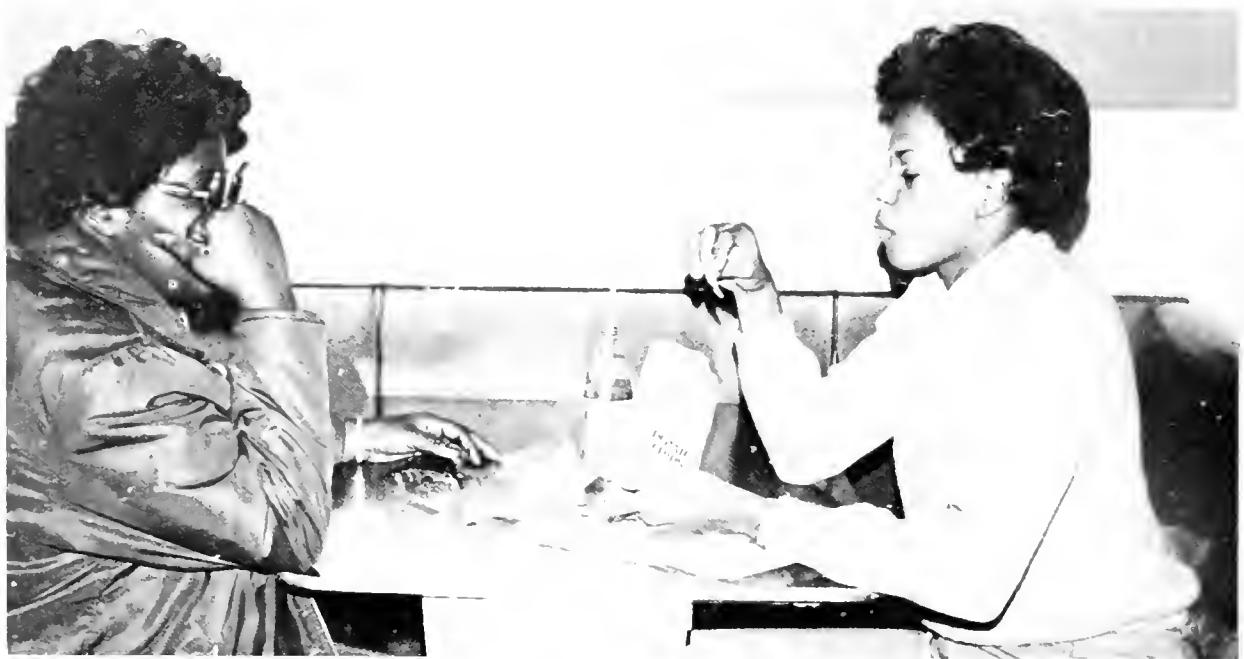
Qundal Chambers gained the admiration of the campus community because of her volunteer spirit and pleasing personality. Her sense of humor provided relief for those who came under her spell. She also had her share of academic accomplishments and leadership roles.

These Outstanding Belles marched to the beat of a different drummer. They achieved in the classroom, served in the community, and worked on the campus as student leaders. They demonstrated well-rounded attributes that make up the foundation of the Bennett Experience. They were nominated and elected by their peers and the college faculty for this honor. While others found it difficult to achieve on all arenas, they proved that it could be done. And they did it well.



# CAMPUS LIFE











# Recognition Day '82





Each year members of the campus community honor those students who have achieved and served the college beyond the call of duty. This year's program received a boost by the Morgan State University Choir which performed two traditional black selections. The program was longed, but worth every minute as we offered tributes and praise to our peers. Awards were given for academic excellence, student involvement, and community service. Mrs. Louise G. Streat did a beautiful job of moving things along. The Belle staff congratulates all of the honorees for 1981-82.









Few of us gave thought to what this liberal arts experience is about. More than anything, we were content to complain about "the relevancy" of classes in religion, the humanities, and philosophy. According to one source, "Liberal arts should teach young people to analyze and to synthesize, to break things down into parts and then to put things together again." An understanding of this concept is necessary and can contribute to eliminating many of the anxieties experienced this year. As we reflect on the year, hopefully, more attention will be given to those value learning activities planned to shape our moral being.

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Opinions will vary on the quality of student life this year. But it will certainly be remembered as an eventful year . . . "Trevi Weekend," James Baldwin, Junior and Sophomore Weekends, Senior Day, the Coronation, Orientation Week, President's Ball, fun with the Aggies, Joggers Night, Ladies Nights, the President's Student Forum, the diverse personalities, Recognition Day, etc. Whether we slept the year away or became involved in constructive activities, it was a busy year.















David Bradley



Paula Lark



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## Mellon Presents

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There's something about the sound A.C.E.S. that says to most students, "another boring program." And often, we were wrong. The Mellon Committee and the Lyceum Committee presented some interesting programs this year, although some of us preferred to watch television or sleep.

But for those who took the time to attend — it was the discovery of new sounds, exciting performances, and opportunities to develop cultural awareness. We were overwhelmed by the talent of Paula Larke who offered insight into black folk history

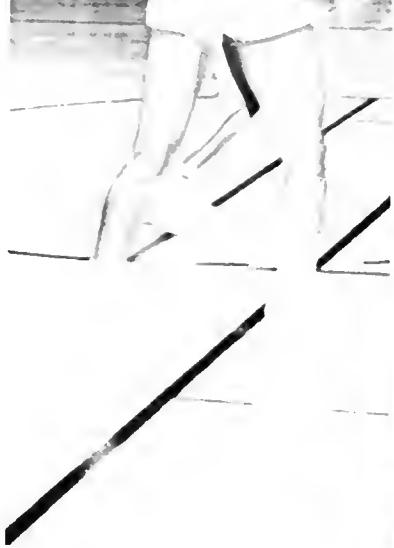


through story and song. She was and is what many of us hope to become, a black woman with a purpose. David Bradley made his *The Cheneysville Incident* come alive as he discussed perspectives

of cultural and social history of his novel. Other attractions: Ward Phillips Duo, Seminar on Women; Dr. Bettye C. Thomas, Black History Lecture; Ronald Crutcher, cellist; the Faculty Forum on

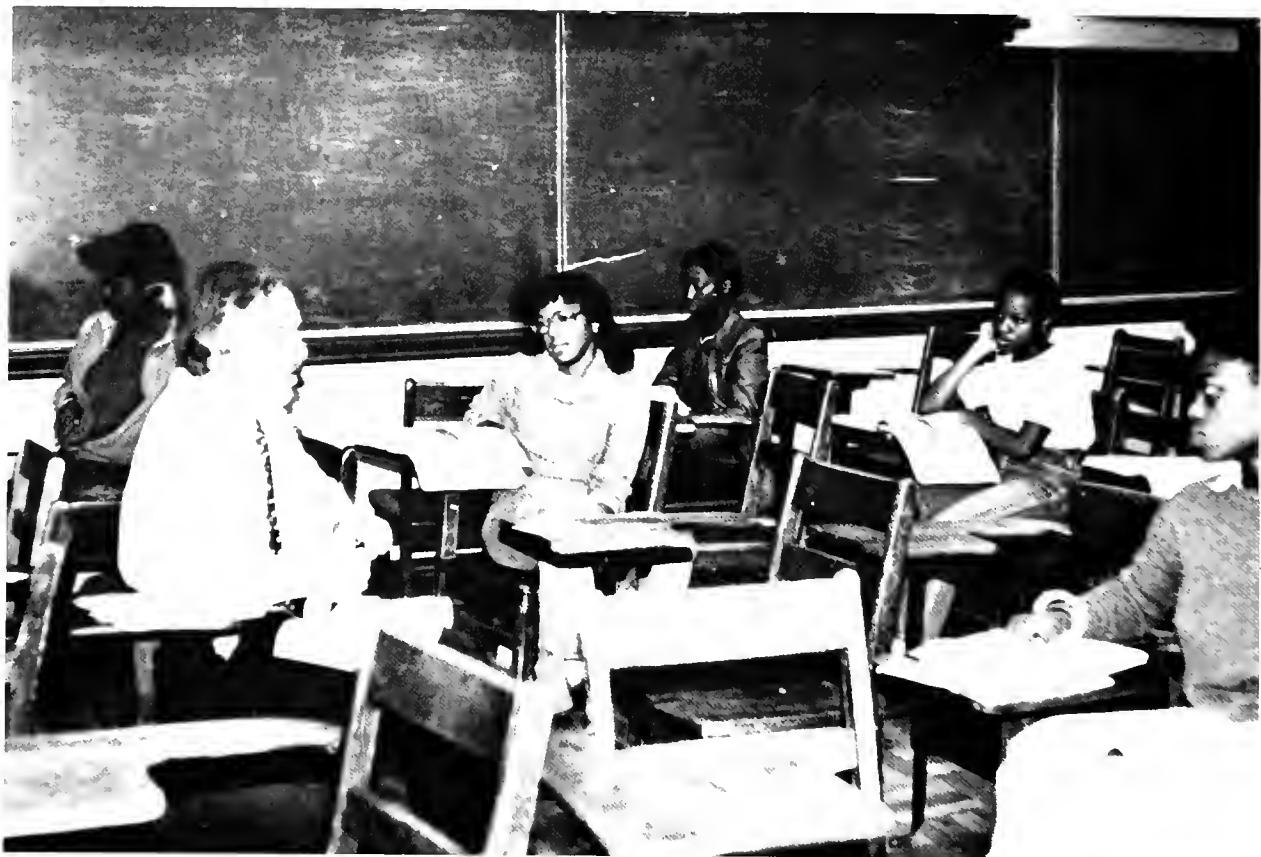
James Baldwin featuring Chinua Achebe; Dr. Oakley Holmes, art historian; Eva Hamlin Miller's art exhibit; Opera Excerpts; and James Baldwin.

# Basketball





The Bennett basketball team climbed the .500 level, finishing this year's season with a 9-9 record. The flourish created the seventh straight season the Belles have concluded at .500 or better. The season was notable for two reasons: the Belles' inability to do the impossible and match last year's squad's 20-2 record; and the final performance of Portia Dixon at Goode Gymnasium. Like her sister Andre, Portia gave four strong years to the Bennett effort, and she was honored several times with all-league citations. Her presence will be sorely missed next year. Over one four game period this season, she amassed 80 points.



























# All In a Day's Work . . .



# Bennett Players Present . . .

Each year the Bennett Players face the challenge of producing plays on a shoestring budget and from a small offering of all-female plays. This year, members of the Players demonstrated versatility as they assumed two or more parts, doubled as stage hands or directors, and prepared to participate in the National Association of Dramatic Speech and Arts Convocation at Bowie State College. The Players presented two productions, "Glass Menagerie" and "Gray Bread."





**“Glass Menagerie”**  
**“Gray Bread”**



The Health Sciences faculty provided the annual Health Career Awareness Symposium, field trips for pre-med students, encouragement to attend summer institutes, special tutorial services, genuine mentor support, and guidance into professional schools.







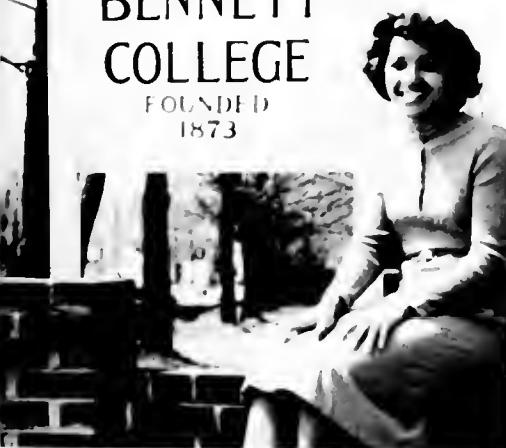








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# Faculty

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Chemistry



Dr. Sekhara Rao  
Biology



Ms. Inez Royego  
Physical Education



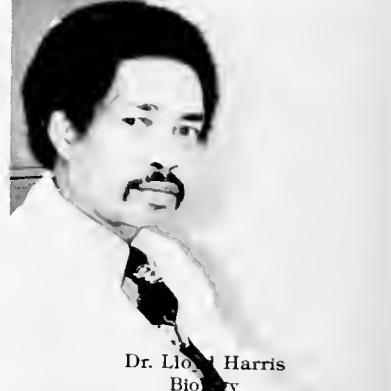
Dr. Charlotte Alston  
Music



Anne C. Gillespie  
Communications



Dr. Marshena Baird  
Reading Education



Dr. Lloyd Harris  
Biology



Dr. Virginia Tucker  
English

## A tribute to Faculty . . .

Each year you take minds and help to mold thoughts and attitudes. Some of you have gone beyond your classroom duties. You demonstrated sincere concern for us and assisted us in making this journey. To those of you who cared, we say "thank you."







# The Living Madonnas

The college presented the "Living Madonnas" in December. Coordinated by the Visual Arts, Home Economics, and Music Departments with the assistance of the Maintenance staff, the production, "International Madonnas," was one of the most beautiful presentations witnessed by the college community. The living tableaux, reproductions of works by internationally known artists, represented the joint efforts of some 150 staff, faculty and students.

Among the scenes presented were "The Annunciation" by MacMillan, India; "The Conception of the Virgin" by De Santella, Mexico; "The Nativity" by a South African art student; "The Flight to Egypt" by de Almeida, Brazil; "The Brown Madonna" by Reiss, United States; and "The Madonna of the Pavillion" by Lu Hung-Neine, China.

Background music was provided by the college choir under the direction of Dr. Charlotte Alston. The narrator was Mrs. Mary Hopkins and the reader, Dr. Hortensia Sanchez-Boudy.





## President's Ball





# The President's Ball





# “Come Down to Key In Lilac-Time; It isn’t Far From London”

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds is professor emeritus of history at North Carolina Central University. She has been the recipient of a number of honorary degrees, fellowships and grants, and honors. Her involvement in international affairs has been recognized through a number of presidential appointments.

For those who wish to review the industrial revolution in England during the early 1900's, they are at liberty to read the scholarly works of the British economist who had profound analyses of the development of the factory system, its ascendancy, and the state of the human conditions which two major British cities so abundantly displayed. In my spiritual orientation to this period, I put the history and economic books aside. I chose to see the deadening effect of the industrial revolution in its human terms through the eyes of the *Barral Organ* by the British poet, Alfred Noyes. He looked upon the city of Liverpool as the commercial center of England for importation of raw materials and exportation of goods of commerce; but it was the city of London emphasized in the manufacturing of those goods. Hear what Noyes says about the London of his poem: "And then the troubadour begins

to thrill the golden streets in the city as the sun sinks low. And in all the gaudy busses, there are scores of weary feet — marking time with a dull mechanical beat, and a thousand hearts are plunging to a love they'll never meet in the land where dead dreams go. Come down to Kew in Lilac-time."

Six miles from London in Surrey County is Kew Garden. No one visits London without going to Kew Garden. The poet Alfred Noyes proclaimed that the best time to come to Kew is in Lilac-time: "The cherry trees are seas of bloom and soft perfume, and Oh, so near to London. And there they say, when dawn is high and all the world's a blaze of sky, the cuckoo, though very shy, will sing a song for London. The Dorian Nightingale is rare and yet they say you will hear him there at Kew in Lilac-time, and Oh so near to London. For Noah hardly knew a bird that isn't heard at Kew in Lilac-time. And when the rose begins to pout and all the chestnut spires are out, You will hear the rest without a doubt — all chorussing for London. Come down to Kew in Lilac-time. And you will wander hand in hand with love in summer's wonderland. Come down to Kew in Lilac-time. It isn't far from London."

Who would have thought the organ grinder would play eternal music in this city of London where men and women had not the time to listen nor the appreciation to enjoy:

"For there in this busy city, *La Traviata* sighs another sadder song And there, *Il Trovatore* cries a tale of deeper wrong." O Verdi, we mourn, as the troubadour begins to thrill the golden street in this city as the sun sinks low; in this city where dead dreams go.

In my address today, the London of Alfred Noyes' poem is used symbolically to examine the major characteristics of our time, the London of our personal lives, the London which baffles us in governmental, collective and personal decision-making. In our London of confusion today, we have but to look at the vast array of unemployed people in our former manufacturing centers. Unemployment is currently 9 to 10 per cent nationwide and that means 18 to 20 per cent for black adults; and 42 to 50 per cent for black youth. The blacks are in the inner cities. Many industries with the jobs are either closing down or moving to the Sun Belt. As the army of unemployed of all races grows, we may aptly compare the poet's words; "thousands





of weary feet, marking time with a mechanical beat, plunging to a love they will never meet in this city of London where dead dreams go."

The Founding Fathers of this Nation, with superior insight, separated the ideological and functional aspects of church and state. We are indeed the privileged recipients of freedom of religious worship. Yet, the political realism of the 1980's would indicate that church and state may have merged in some quarters of the nation among certain religious groups. While physical burning at the stake for one's religious beliefs is no longer apropos, the death of leadership roles and political careers may be at stake when select leaders are proscribed on a "hit list" for leadership extinction simply because they proclaimed for a more humane government and espoused the needs of the poor — and this threat has been achieved — all in the name of a "Moral Majority," in our London where the sun sinks low.

In our current London of confusion, we cannot ignore an ethical education. The human body is the temple of God. He builds the spiritual house inside of us. Too few today seem to have been exposed to an exploration of the sources and meaning of values. Few people believe any longer that any values have un-





"absolute" base. In our London, the fields of philosophy, psychology and sociology pose for us questions of tremendous magnitude: Are moral values to be considered as unchanging eternal verities or are they modified by changes in societal mores? If they are so modified, are we sufficiently aware of the transitions taking place to enable us to lay a foundation for moral stability? A more basic consideration is how does education propose to mold and hold our youth to acceptable standards of morality in the face of multitudinous undermining influences of modern society? How then do we arrive at the all encompassing moral responsibilities for our actions? I do not have all the answers. I must agree with Rabbi Brickner that self-discipline — not externally applied discipline but — that which is born of an inner strength makes the difference between a civilization and a jungle. It is when the human temple is so constructed that it interfaces with the spiritual life can we restore the meaning of values. Otherwise, we go through life excusing every act and every condition — laughing while the moral basis of our society crumbles.

In our London of confusion, we are afflicted with increased crime. Our homes have become virtual prisons to which we are confined after the sun goes down. Senior citizens are prime subjects for mugging and robbery. Where does the responsibility rest? If you have views which are contrary to mine, so be it. I,

personally, reject totally the new sociological theory that society is the criminal, not the persons perpetrating the crimes. Values are topsy-turvy.

We have had our London of racial confusion with the youth dreams of the 1960's. They marched so nobly in the interest of racial justice. They were the marching troops of Martin Luther King, Jr. Something happened in 1966. The "Black Power" winds of that year generated small separatistic groups among many of our youth; and with such goals as going back to Africa, recommending the total separation from a white society on the assumption that we could go it alone, organizing schools to prepare young black people for nationhood, advocating that one State in the United States be set aside for The New Republic of Africa, utilizing Black Studies in the 1960's as a vehicle for carping on the past and all the ills which 300 years of history had made our lot, and validating "Black English" as a learning vehicle when there is no such animal as "Black English." Please know that standard English is the language of employment and language of promotion. Our young college students today have emerged from that London of confusion. In the 1980's we have no time to build castles in the sand or live in the phantasies of make believe land. The world is real and there is much to do.

The new image of the 1980's is a "Quiet Revolution" and it has come back to our campuses. This quiet revolution is

so quiet that many people are unaware of its far-reaching effects. It promises to touch nearly every aspect of our campus life, including how faculty members teach, how students are educated, and how research is performed. The focus of this quiet revolution is the campus library. Libraries have long histories of campus neglect but they are humming now with students who want open access to information. I find students more career oriented than in many years.

President Lyndon Johnson persuaded the Congress to enact the Higher Education Act of 1965. From this act financial assistance flowed to developing colleges and to students in financial need. The woman selected from across this nation to develop and handle the \$120 million program for the predominantly black colleges was the President of Bennett College, Dr. Willa C. Player. She is enshrined in any history of the Federal Government and Higher Education. President Johnson, writing in Vantage Point, that it was his desire that any youngster who wanted to go to college would have no excuse in that endeavor. The Higher Education Act provided Basic Education Opportunity Grants, Work-Study Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans, Veterans Education Assistance. Federal funds for the training and re-training of teachers in language arts, science and almost any academic area deemed appropriate by the educational researchers.

Now, in our current London of 1982 we



# SPECIAL MEMORIES

face the serious problem of financial cutbacks and the impact on our depressed economy and on colleges and universities. Sums from philanthropists and foundations for the private and church-related colleges may be affected. After all, their gifts to the United Negro College Fund are conditioned by whether the stock markets rise or fall, whether bonds are lucrative or not. Churches will continue to do their part. The basic factors confirm that the issue for many educational institutions may be one of survival. As graduates and members of the alumnae, you must do some re-assessing. You must learn to live with less and share with this institution a more meaningful part of your income. Come down to Kew Garden and re-assess your relations and responsibilities to your Alma Mater.

While you graduate today, thousands of undergraduate, graduate and professional students are trembling with fear as to whether reduced financial assistance by the federal government will send their high hopes to the city where dead dreams go. Administrators are worried about whether reduced funds in student financial assistance will have an impact upon enrollment in September. If it becomes totally necessary, those who have not yet graduated may have to adapt to a new way of life. In my mind, there are three options:

- 1) Part-time pursuit of education while working.
- 2) Drop out of the student population, save some money and come back to college another day. This will require a strong commitment to keeping the faith with your goals.
- 3) End the educational pursuit forever. This would be the ultimate tragedy.

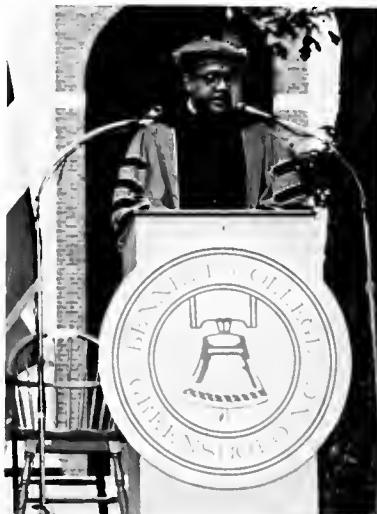
I would urge all who face either of these dilemmas to step outside of this

London and re-assess. Let us determine if we can pursue our goals with less than that to which we are accustomed.

Most Americans can tighten their belts a bit more. As a nation, we represent six percent of the world population, yet we consume approximately one-third of the available resources, while sectors of our society suffer from hunger. What we waste and throw away could feed thousands.

I tell young people this about me. I was in school when there was no financial assistance. I set my goals at the Ohio State University and planned my budget on 50¢ a day; 15¢ for breakfast and 35¢ for dinner (Specials). It did not matter what others had to spend. No envy or jealousy ever entered my mind. I was there to get the knowledge from my books and professors. My heart was marching to the beat of a different drummer. For I knew that when my education was complete, the choice of the menu would be mine. Step outside of London. Come down to Kew Garden and think anew.

I cannot portend that the future of women and minorities will be in an era of growing unemployment, reduced budgets, young school drop-outs with no skills for the highly technological society, the lack of re-affirmation for affirmative action, and high interest rates threatening to make home ownership a thing of the past. While this is a part of the sad and distressing story in our London where the sun sinks low, the final recognition is more devastating. The rapidly drying up of the nation's willingness to face up to the seriousness of the problem which years of deprivation have created, and to deal with them with the intensity and commitment their solutions demand. We are not asking that money be thrown at the problem. We want the elimination of fraud.



We want people who are able to work to have jobs available — training for jobs in a serious way and not "playing" at training.

While the challenges of our time have been accentuated in this address, all is not dark or hopeless because:

**"YOU ARE A BREED APART"**

Merrill, Fennel, Lynch and Pearce of New York, internationally recognized Stock brokers, have a commercial that is very appealing. A pedigreed steer enters a china shop. He is down one aisle and up another several times and never breaks an item of the most delicate displays — defying the age-old cliché that one is as clumsy as a bull in a china shop. It ends the commercial with no disaster. A voice in the background defines the company as well as the animal in these words: "It is a Breed Apart."

You young graduates of 1982 are a breed apart. These are the reasons why you are a breed apart:

1. You have set your star and followed your course. There are freshmen who began with you but who are not here today. Freshmen classes begin to dwindle down between sophomore and junior year. You were steadfast and this very act of persistence makes you a breed apart.

2. Even with a bachelor's degree job badge, the United States Department of Labor states that you are expected to earn in a life time \$825,000; high school graduates, \$480,000, and grade school, \$345,000.

3. You are a graduate of a women's college during the International Decade for Women and you are expected to highlight womanhood; to give it a new and added dimension. The Biblical quote remains a truism: "To whom much is given, much is expected."

You will be the bearers of children.



You will be the preservers of culture in your home. As you give your husband love, give the children love abundantly. The outside world is cruel enough and children reared in love, affection and emotional security will be better able to brave the shocks of our imperfect society.

5. You are a breed apart because your generation has mastered change. For the time being, graduates will have to take what jobs they can get. My only plea is that you will graduate with a flexible mind; that, if it is necessary for you to retool with some management course, computer science, accounting, etc., then do so. Many go to the community colleges only for a certain technical skill. The older generation may not understand this and say why did we send you to a four year college and then you decided to go to a community college. Please explain patiently to them that you are only there for one and only one reason: some specialized course which will tide you over until the opening returns for which you have spent four years.

Go where the jobs are as soon as they break. Your generation can master change. You will change careers, no doubt, three times in your life-time, and begin payments on at least three homes. Rivers and streets and neighbors next door will not hold you as they did us — just plain afraid of leaving the locality. You will go any place for work because you can master change. You are young. You are not tired like many of us.

6. You are graduating at a time when black women — almost 1000 are elected to city councils, 43 in state legislatures, three as superintendents of city schools in the largest cities — Oakland, Washington and Chicago. In your time as many as four were elected to the United States Congress: Shirley Chisholm, Yvonne Burke, Cordiss Collins and Barbara Burke. In appointments, one of us reached the President's Cabinet: Patricia Roberts Harris — now running for Mayor of Washington, D.C. For more than 20 years, Constance Baker Motley was the only black woman in the Federal Courts. The Omnibus Judiciary Act of 1978 created 152 new judgeships and President Carter appointed eight. I have not cited the figures for men elected and appointed offices. They have exceeded us. Young women today who are public service-minded may enter the political arena. The way has been paved.

7. There is the possibility of finding allies in our struggles. Much will depend upon locating these allies in churches, in the higher structure of local decision-making, and in the groups which are experiencing similar difficulties. Our cries against the federal cuts in education are voiced by white students and white parents. The problem of high interest rates are not just black problems. They are national problems. Once again, we must



resort to net-working with similarly situated groups, irrespective of race, for our own salvation. No one has been more successful in net-working as the National Organization of Women. While it will require a miracle to secure the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), I have found in 36 states that these women support black female candidates for state legislatures. While there were rank enemies who despise Martin Luther King, Jr., this man knew how to find and pull together powerful allies. Net-works may change, dependent upon the issue.

You need merely to come down to Kew and take inventory of your assets.

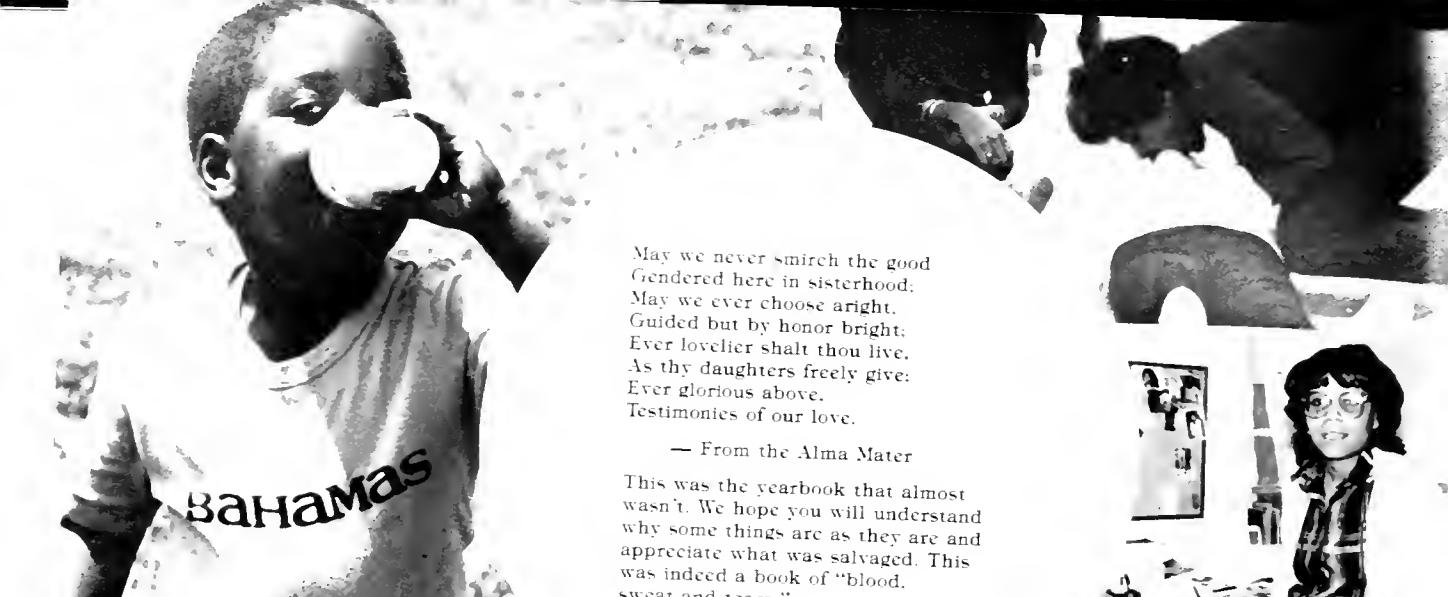
God bless you. May He make His face to shine upon you. May He hold you in the hollow of His hand. With these blessings, clearly Alfred Noyes' symbol

'ic poem on London and Kew Garden speaks to our times. It speaks to the issues of higher education; it speaks to the young graduates; it speaks to the immediate past of the revolutionary era of the 1960's and 1970's; it speaks to the computerized society which has produced the alienated man; it speaks to the urban cities where dead dreams go; it speaks to the thousands of unemployed marching feet, weary in the sunset glow; it speaks to the human spirit caught up in the baffling forces of the current political disillusionment of the 1980's; it speaks to the demand for new racial strategies for the contemporary period of the new conservatism; it speaks to the nation's unfinished agenda with regards to minorities whose glimmering hope seems doomed. Indeed, it



speaks to each of us. The message it brings is resoundingly clear:

"There is a place where cherry trees are seas of bloom and sweet perfumes, and Oh, so near to London. And there they say when dawn is high and all the world's a blaze of sky, the cuckoo, though shy, will sing a song for London. The Dorian Nightingale is rare and yet they say you will hear him there, at Kew at Lilac-time. For Noah hardly knew a bird of any kind that isn't heard at Kew. And when the rose begins to pout and all the chestnut spires are out, you will hear the rest without a doubt — chortussing for London. Come down to Kew at Lilac-time; it isn't far from London."



May we never smirch the good  
Gendered here in sisterhood;  
May we ever choose aright,  
Guided but by honor bright;  
Ever lovelier shalt thou live,  
As thy daughters freely give:  
Ever glorious above,  
Testimonies of our love.

— From the Alma Mater

This was the yearbook that almost  
wasn't. We hope you will understand  
why some things are as they are and  
appreciate what was salvaged. This  
was indeed a book of "blood,  
sweat and tears."

— The Staff

